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The Severn Bridge will be shut to traffic in high winds, or when a breakdown is likely to cause a traffic jam, the Secretary for Transport told MPs Page 2

Geneva threat

A senior Soviet official has hinted that Russia will walk out of the Geneva talks on strategic arms as well as those on intermediate missiles Page 8

£50,000 fine

The National Graphical Association has been fined £50,000 for contempt of court arising from a long dispute over recognition Page 2 Page 2

Britons freed

Rebels in southern Sudan released two Britons kidnapped on Tuesday, but still hold nine other foreigners



Woolworth errs

A judge called a decision by F. W. Woolworth to prosecute a widow aged 77 for shoplifting "an affront to British justice" The prosecution then withdrew

Jail campaign

A move is under way to allow a British woman whose death sentence was commuted to 20 years' imprisonment in South Africa to serve the term in Britain

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A new hair care company has postponed the launch of its shares on the stock market after claims that henna hair colouring powders can cause ear Page 19 infections

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Inflation expected to fall to $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent

Lawson signals taxrises

• Economic prospects are good, the Chancellor claimed. Growth will be 3 per cent this year and next, inflation will fall to 4½ per cent by the end of 1984.

• Taxes may have to rise in the next Budget to stick to financial plans to limit Public spending this year is higher than

expected, though next year it will be limited to £126.4bn, as planned in the Budget.

Mr Nigel Lawson not merely bear them. ruled out tax cuts in his spring Later, at a private meeting Budget, he actually fore-shadowed an increase in income ers, Mr Lawson insisted that he

forecasts, which are rosier than at the time of Sir Geoffrey Howe's last Budget in March. They depend less on buoyant consumer spending than the recovery so far, and much more on higher exports and invest-

Inflation is expected to fall again, from its present 5 per of public expenditure and cent to 4½ per cent. Output, public borrowing dictated such which is 3 per cent up this year, a course to achieve his main

Employment is expected to both sides of the Commons rise as the world continues its about the need to force up gas climb out of the recession, and electricity prices, but he climb out of the recession. and electricity prices, but he Unemployment, the Chancellor stood his ground. "appears to be levelling

For MPs, the Chancellor's forecast in the printed statement and in his words to the Commons of possible net tax increases of the order of £500m in his next Budget was the one unexpected element.

One or two Conservatives Strategy. were alarmed by it. The great majority dismissed it as an unnecessary extra signal by Mr Lawson of his determination to uphold the financial strategy.

cash but less in real terms.

grant is being balved and

parents earning more than £15,000 will need to contribute

substantially more to their children's higher education. Some may find themselves

paying as much as £300 more a

year towards the cost of keeping

being increased by £492m in 1984-85, from £12,560m this year to £13,052m, a cash

increase of 4 per cent, but a decline in real terms of 0.5 per

cent, assuming inflation is

More money will be spent on

teacher training, which is rising

to £11m and an extra £1m will

go on staffing at the Depart-ment of Education and Science.

Compared with other areas of

government spending, edu-

running at 4.5 per cent.

larger than any other.

a son or daughter at university. Expenditure on education is ● Thirty-seven thousand Civil Service

government help with their rents and there are big cutbacks in council housebuilding. The Government has scaled down estimates of how much it will receive from selling off state industries. Gas and

By Kenneth Fleet, Julian Haviland and Frances Williams

The 1984 economic picture Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour of national output from 3.25 per painted yesterday by the Chan-shadow Chancellor, noting that cellor of the Exchequer in his higher taxes were on the way, autumn statement was shot wanted a promise that they through with one black streak, would fall on those most able to

was in earnest. His view is that That dismal prospect con-trasted sharply with the general undesirable, but he would not optimism of the Treasury's besitate to raise them if the path

> **Parliamentary** Public spending Leading article Output jumps New money target

should rise at the same rate next objective of lower interest rates. Mr Lawson was harried from

> Mr Lawson had evidently decided that yesterday was not the occasion to make his personal mark on the management of the nation's finances. He remained solidly on the course set by his predecessor and charted in the Government's Medium Term Financial

> The strategy requires that in 1984-85, the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement should be £8bn, falling to 2.5 per cent

that local authorities would

Universities and

teachers face cuts

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Cuts in teachers' jobs, school
meals and spending by universities are enviasged in plans for
education spending next year,
which propose more money in
would be held at 3 er cent, and
seek but less is real terrore.

by 4 per cent, the minimum school meals.

jobs will go by 1988, bringing the total of civil servants down to 593,000. Half-a-million households will lose

electricity prices are likely to rise.

cent this year.

Having taken into account

the forecast of Government spending and made the conventional assumptions that direct and indirect taxes will be charged in line with inflation, Mr Lawson was led inexorably to "the need or some net increase in taxes in next year's Budget".

However, he did emphasize that his arithmetic would be reviewed "in the light of more up-to-date information, before I come to make my Budget judgment".

Mr Lawson formally con-

firmed that in the current year government spending had gone beyond prescribed limits. In spite of the £500m of cuts he imposed last July, after the Conservative Party's election victory in June, the PSBR for 1983-84 is now put at £10bn, against the £8.2bn estimated by his predecessor last March.

That degree of error is greater than the City had anticipated, hence the subdued response Mr Lawson received from the Stock

on the latest form, interest rates will do well to remain where they are. An early fall is ruled out by the Treasury's figures and there is already a feeling that they may have to go

As widely anticipated the Chancellor has succeeded in keeping planned public expen-Continued on page 5, col 6

37,000 Civil Service jobs to disappear By Paul Routledge .

Labour Editor

The Civil Service union cut of 37,000 jobs over the next four years.

The student grant is to go up bring down their spending on It is proposed to reduce the Out of the £9,796m designwhite-collar and industrial Civil Service to 593,000 by nated for local authority spending on education, it is envisaged April 1988, an average 6 per the £263m will go on school meals and milk. This is much cent cut. By the end of Mrs Thatcher's second term of less than what the local authorities have estimated for. office, roughly one in every five of Government jobs will have The universities will get £1,265m through the University Grants Committee. "This assumes a measure of increased coronmy in expenditure," Sir Tony Christopher, the general Keith said However it was not Keith said, However, it was not secretary of the taxman's union clear yesterday what this "mea-IRSS, said: "The spectre of

redundancy might push our patience beyond the limit." The union has called an There was a swift response yesterday from the Association emergency meeting of its executives next Wednesday to of University Teachers representing 34,000 academics. Mr discuss the threat.

John Akker, its deputy general secretary, said the cuts would mean that the universities Half of the new cuts will come from be privatization of would have to take fewer Royal Ordnance Factories, students at a time when they which will take 18,500 jobs out were turning away thousands of of the Civil Service.

According to details announced in a written reply by Mr Peter Rees, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury. some departments will scarcely feel the impact of the cuts but others face a fierce rundown... The Ministry of Defence which is scheduled to have 200,000 employees next April, will have only 170,000 four year later.

The Department of Health and Social Security will lose nearly 3,000 jobs; the Department of Employment will shed more than 2,500 jobs and the Manpower Services Commission with a £1 billion-a-year badget to create jobs will treat budget to create jobs will itself lose nearly 1,000 posts. The arbitration service Acas will also lose staff, but the Home Office will increase by more than 5,000.

Mr. Rees said: "The aim has been to improve the efficiency of the Civil Service and to match staff numbers closely to the necessary functions of departments. The figures show a contimuing steady reduction in the size of the Civil Service to about 593,000 by 1988, a further fall of 6 per cent."

French jets hit Shia stronghold From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Mr Lawson: Before Cabinet meeting.

and their militant Iranian allies headquarters in Beirut last when a squadron of Super month, in which 58 para-Etendard fighters carried out troopers died, two bombing and rocket attacks Last night, multinational

on an Iranian-occupied bar- contingents in Beirut - includracks just outside the ancient ing the British - were preparing city of Baalbek. for counter-reprisals from the city of Baalbek.

Ain, a classical necropolis high known earlier in the day that above the roman temples of the four-nation army in Beirut Baalbek, upon which Iranian could expect to be attacked pound.

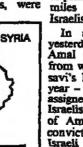
The air strikes, which came only a day after the Israeli raids on the neighbouring Shia Muslim militia camps, were

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France last night effectively clearly intended as retaliation declared war on the Shia for the bombing of the French Muslim extremists of Lebanon multinational force company

For at least an hour and half, extremist groups, which 14 jets - taking off at dusk from planned the original suicide the aircraft-carrier, Clemenceau attacks. Shia Muslim organiza-- raided the hilltop of Ras el- tions in Beirut had let it be

Revolutionary Guards and again after Israel's asssault on members of the Islamic Amal Wednesday. movement have made their claims by the multinational military headquarters in a forces that they had no advance captured Lebanese Army com-warning of the Israeli air raids,

looked even more implausible after vesterday's French strikes - which must have taken days to plan - against targets only 11 miles from those hit by the

In a disturbing statement yesterday, the Shia Muslim Amal movement in Beirut from which Mr Hussein Moussavi's Islamic Amai broke last year - said the Americans had assigned the first raid to the Israelis. "We draw the attention of American officials to our convictions", Amal said, "that Israeli aggression would not Continued on back page, col 3

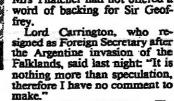
Carrington backed to head Nato

Lord Carrington:

Widespread support.

was an "important international

mons by asking her at question. He said that the world time to reappoint Lord Carring-seemed to have entered an ton as Foreign Secretary, the exceptionally dangerous phase Prime Minister said that there of its history and added: "In these critical times will she consider inviting Lord Carrington to resume his post at the Foreign Office." Several Cabinate Principles of the Process of th



A State Department spokes-man said that the US was "naturally delighted" at Mrs Thatcher's decision to nominate

US-trained unit accused of village massacre

From John Carlin, San Nicolás, El Salvador mothers into the house and then sprayed us with machine-gun fire. My mother's body fell massacre. The witnesses supplied for the bullets of 118 pages of 118 pages of the Atlacati battalion mother sinto the house and then sprayed us with machine-gun fire. My mother's body fell massacre. The witnesses supplied journalists with an incomplete of 118 pages of could hit me. I played dead written list of 118 names of

one of the few lucky survivors agony at its inability to defeat of a massacre on November 5 of us on the battlefield." 118 men, women and children

Two of those names belonged to the 23-months and 8 day old daughters of Elio Traco, whose wife, he says, had also been mowed down by army machine

There were several freshlydug - some supposedly mass - grave on Wednesday in the area of San Nicolas and neighbouring hamlet Copayapa, which did not allow us to confirm the 118 got round to burying those killed in the two-room brick

As our group of journalists approached the small house, some 30 startled black voltures – a sight common in El Sivador – flapped out of a hole in the swimmi and other startless in the swimmi and sw roof. The floor of the house was littered with putrified human remains. Tallying with Aquilipicked bones.

the rebel radio Venceremos has been denouncing in the last week, comes at a time when ing multi-million pound mili-tary assistance to El Salvador. Witnesses at San Nicolas, in a

region of El Salvador long controlled by left-wing guer-

"The soldiers crammed about rillas, said on Wednesday that

until the soldiers went away,"
Aquilino Gravier, a boy of 10, said.

Aquilino, who lives in the hamlet of San Nicholás, 30 belt, told me that the slaughter was "a sympton of the army's approach of the farmy's approach of the farmy approach of the f

allegedly carried out by a crack Salvador have recently ex-American-trained Salvadorean pressed despair at the low morale and bad performance of US military advisers in El the government troops, many of whom they have trained.

In an interview with The Times last week the commander of the elit Atlacatl battalion, Colonel Domingo Menterosa, vigorously denied claims that Salvadorean military men were involved in the country's muchpublicized human rights abuses. As John Carlin was returning from San Nicolas to send figure. But the locals had not yet this story, the open boat in got round to burying those which he and five colleagues willed in the two-room brick were crossing Lake Suchitlan house where Aquilino Gravier's mother died. which he and five colleagues were crossing Lake Suchitlan capsized in a storm and submerged (Our Foreign Staff

Timothy Ross, a British-born ABC television producer man-aged to reach land after swimming for an hour. Carlin and others - a Reuters correspondent, an American radio reporter, ABC's three-man teleno's story, we counted about 20 vision crew and the boatman skulls amidst the carpet of well- were feared drowned.

In fact they spent four hours clinging to the upturned boat before it drifted ashore in the The alleged massacre, which darkness. After spending most of the night sheltering among claims of human rights violations by army officers are questioning the moral validity of President Reagan's continuations by army officers are trudged for seven hours through thick jungle undergrowth before they came across a local villager wholed them to safety. trudged for seven hours through thick jungle undergrowth before they came across a local villager who led them to safety.

They had travelled by boat because most of the roads were believed to be mined. Boys to war, page 14

Poles say Andropov is planning Warsaw visit

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

nearing completion.

economic programme. But I Attention is now for cannot define the date of the the forthcoming

President Andropov, the Soviet Mr Andropov is seriousiv ill. leader, who is said to be ill, is His public absence has been official sources have disclosed, cold, though many diplomats Although the timing is still believe that the Soviet leader uncertain, preparations for the suffers from a kidney comvisit are understood to be plaint. Mr Andropov has not been seen in public since The proposed visit was August.

Confirmed earlier this week at a MOSCOW: A senior Cen-

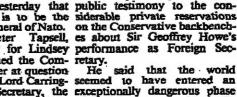
confirmed earlier this week at a news conference given by Mr Zoigniew Madej, a deputy Vadim Zagladin, told a press premier and an expert in economic planning. Preparations for the visit were he said, "very far advanced, infection" was still valid especially with respect to the economic programme. But I Attention is now focused on

visit."
Committee plenum, which has
If the trip occurs soon, it will
scotch the repeated rumours
both here and in the West that
were under way,



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By Philip Webster, Political Reporter Mrs Margaret Thatcher all Mr. Tapsell's question was but confirmed yesterday that public testimony to the conLord Carrington is to be the siderable private reservations next Secretary-General of Nato. on the Conservative backbenchAfter Mr Peter Tapsell, es about Sir Geoffrey Howe's Conservative MP for Lindsey performance as Foreign SecEast, has astonished the Comretary. The said that the world



net ministers joined in the Labour laughter at the remark. But it was noted by Con-servative MPS that in her reply Mrs Thatcher had not offered a

signed as Foreign Secretary after the Argentine invasion of the Falklands, said last night: "It is nothing more than speculation, therefore I have no comment to

• WASHINGTON: The Reagan Administration said yesterday it would support Lord Carrington's candidancy when the vote is taken at next month's Nato ministerial meeting in Brussels (Nicholas Ashford writes).

the job since 1971, is expected soon to stand down. Given Lord Carrington's international stature and Mrs Thatcher's backing, it would be more than a surprise if he was not to get it. Lord Carrington.

from cuts announced yesterday take about 500,000 housholds by Mr Norman Fowler, the out of benefit altogether, and Secretary of State for Social reduce benefit for all single ervices. people, with an income over While he has managed to £43.05 a week and couples with protect NHS spending and an income over £63.50 a week stave off the most radical Deductions for non-depend-Treasury demands, £180m, or ants are to be increased, which just under five per cent, will be will affect about 600,000 housejust under five per cent, will be will affect about 600,000 house-cut from housing benefit, with holds. Those aged 16 to 17 in another £50m saved from lower rent rebates. Mr Fowler says the key 20-year-olds in work will lose £3.10p a week, 18 to 20-year-olds in work will lose thanges will protect the poorest £8.20, an extra £2.65 a week, recipients, but SHAC, the London Housing Aid Centre, £8.20, an extra £1.65 a week, said last night it would leave about three million households on supplementary benefit living at home will lose £3.10 a

lose housing benefit By Nicholas Timmins About 500,000 homes will extra income above the needs

500,000 families to

sure" was

lose housing benefit altogether allowance to 31p for rent and many hundreds of thou-instead of 21p, and by 9p sands more will be worse off instead of 7p for rates. That will

living at home will lose £3.10 a The changes will increase week in benefit unless their the taper" by which housing parents are also on supplemen-benefit is reduced for each £1 of tary benefit. Top sports agents under fire

agement Group and West and Nally, in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Sports Sponsorship which was At a press launch for the launched yesterday. (Pat Butch-

er writes). The committee, chaired by the former Labour Minister for Sport, Mr Denis Howell rec- of any discussion with the ommended that the Government refer Mark McCormack's IMG to the Office of Fair Trading,

undesirable that an organization The report, which took two

the role of two leading sports governing body, sponsors, a agencies, International Man-significant number of players,

At a press launch for the report, Mr Howell quoted from a letter from IMG, delivered yesterday morning, in which the conpany regretted that the lack committee on 'conflict of interests'. But Mr Howell pointed out that such a discussion with a The 112-page document senior vice-president of IMG notes: 'It seems to us most was documented in the report.

General Association of International Sports Federations, and the financial involvement of Adidas, the sports equipment company with FIFA, the governing body for football, and with the International Olympic Committee. The Independent Broadcast

years to prepare also criticizes West and Nally's links with the

post in mind for him". It was immediately made clear that the post she was referring to was the Nato one, ing Authority is also criticized for not providing a realistic Dr Joseph Luns, who has held alternative service" to that of the BBC. A breakdown of 35 sponsored events on television 1982 reveals that BBC covered 30, and FTV four, with

By Our Labour Reporter

Social workers' leaders are to ballot their 25,000 members on further industrial action which would deepen the crisis already affecting homes for children and the elderly.

More than 250 delegates representing members of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) yesterday urged their colleagues to vote for nine to five working which would increase disruption over Christ-

The ban would mean a fiveday week, no overtime, no shifts and no weekend working. "It would mean that running the homes would be very nearly impossible", a Nalgo spokes-

The delegates also voted to call a "Day of Action" on December 7 when Nalgo members would be authorized to walk out of the homes to take part in a national lobby, as they did on October 17.

A motion on an all-out strike was not put to the meeting vesterday, but there was strong evidence of increasing militancy among the social workers.

The ballot was authorized despite exploratory peace talks scheduled for next Tuesday at the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas). The new discussions were set up after an initiative by the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe), which represents a minority of the residential social workers.

More than 1,200 of the workers are already on strike at 176 homes in 23 local authority areas, seeking a shorter working papers.

176 homes in 23 local authority papers.

1 am satisfied, whatever the

The workers are seeking a cut in hours from 39 to 35 hours a week. They are also demanding premium payments for shift work and irregular hours, and better pay for working weekends and public holidays.

"If there are continued breaches of the injunction the time may well come when the

The Post Office Engineering

its industrial action

the privatization of

Union (POEU) yesterday re-

British Telecom in the face of

The management has also

warned the union that it may

dismiss more than 2,400 engin-

eers who are on strike or

it was going to send 1,000 of its

members employed in London

internal exchanges back to work

on Monday. It is to concentrate

its action on international exchanges which have already been affected by industrial

Mr Michael Bett, British

Telecom personnel director, and the threat of court action

since Mercury, the private

retwork, won an injunction

against the union in the court of

He said it could be

Mr Bett said that legal with dismissal but al proceedings against the POEU who were for one were now "a more senous another not at work.

argued that the action by the last night between British action".

The union said yesterday that

because of dwindling funds.

Social work | Print union fined £50,000 for defying ban by **High Court**

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

lation is finally to be put to the sequestered test after a fine of £50,000 was The judg yesterday on the for contempt of the High Court, assets because of the breaches,

print union, which is engaged in long-running recognition dispute with a Cheshire newspaper group, said that they would seek financial and industrial assist-

the NGA had admitted contempt of court by breaching the order, made a month ago, not to

estate agents seeking their public order offences and cooperation, and this was a released on bail.

The arrests came as more paper group's business. The judge said that the group's chairman had said this threatened the wellbeing of his workers and had interfered with the production of his news-

intention of the union, this turned out to be unlawful picketing, and therefore a breach of the second part of the injunction", the judge said.

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reponer

The government proposals are:

Telephone subscribers to

buy their attachments from

approved suppliers of their

choice by the end of next year.

Mercury, the private network, to expand to a national network and be given no

Local cable television net-

works in partnership with British Telecom and Mercury

to offer local telephone

New satellite services, prob-

ably special television or

information services, to be

under law and therefore was

unlawful.He added that any

dismissals could affect not only the 57 engineers who had been

sent letters threatening them

with dismissal but also all those

who were for one reason or

Meanwhile, talks continued

encouraged;

British Telecom to

competitor until 1990;

The TUC's boycott of union must be taught to obey government employment legis- the law by having all their assets The judge said that he had

been asked to issue a writ for National Graphical Association the seizure of all the NGA's Within minutes of the fine, but did not think it right to do imposed by a High Court judge so at this time. The union was in Manchester, being announced leaders of the craft lnformal talks are expected but did not think it right to do

Informal talks are expected today between the NGA and Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, in readiness for General Council next Wednesance" from the TUC in line day on whether to defy the with decisions taken at the courts. In the meantime, the Wembley conference in April, dispute with the Messenger 1982.

Mr Justice Eastham said that dispute with the Messenger Group of free-sheet newspapers, based in Stockport, Cheshire, will continue. Ten more people were ar

rested early vesterday in further attempt to dissuade firms from clashes outside the group's advertising in free weekly printing works at Winnick newspapers.

The judge said that the union nine other arrested the previous had written a letter to a firm of day have been charged with

In addition, there was evi- than 200 pickets tried to stop dence that at the instigation of the papers the union, about 600 people had from Messenger Group's plant, attempted to disrupt the news- where the NGA is claiming recognition.

 Journalists and printers at the Evening Argus in Brighton returned to work yesterday afternoon after the management promised to investigate claims that a union meeting was "bugged"

Talks aimed at ending the sit-in at the Park Royal, north London, print works of the British Printing and Communications Corporation - printers of the Radio Times - broke breaches of the injunction the down yesterday after eight time may well come when this hours.

services to prevent unfair

Special user groups (banks.

betting shops and hotels, for instance) could be allowed to

share private telephone cir-

More value-added networks

(VANS) to be encouraged.

These, like electronic mail

services or sophisticated answering services, use British

Telecom circuits which are

resold with the "added value".

More than 60 operators with

200 services are already in

options range from doing

nothing to sacking anyone still

Mr Bryan Stanley POEU general secretary, said: "Branch-es in London and outside, apart

from those involved with

international services, are being

instructed to cease industrial

union was not a trade dispute. Telecom and the union. "Our

a smooth marrage is two anti-colors stoney of

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which, Mr Ridley said in a Commons statement, "I am satisfied that the crossing will Union scales down its action continue to be safe". To cope with the wind hazard, traffic will be prevented from using the bridge. Mr Ridley said, when both the gust against sale of Telecom wind speed exceeds 50 mph at deck level and the maximum mean hourly wind speed at deck government approval before level is forecast to exceed 62 mph. These conditions are introducing new products and

three years.

A new system is also being nstituted to monitor incidents likely to cause a traffic jam on he bridge.

expected to occur, on average,

no more than once in two to

four women were arrested yesterday

New Severn

Bridge

road curbs

By Michael Baily

The Severn Bridge is to be closed to traffic in high winds

and when a breakdown occurs likely to cause a traffic jam on the bridge, Mr Nicholas Ridley,

Secretary of State for Transport,

The 24-hour weekday lane restriction was to be lifted from

midnight last night and is to be replaced by more limited peak

traffic restrictions as a result of

announced yesterday.

Mr Ridley said that he had received recommendations from Flint and Neill, consulting engineers, agreed by Mott Hay and Anderson, the consultants who carried out an independent check on the former's appraisal of the bridge superstructure. He would assess, as soon as ward by Flint and Neill for strengthening the bridge to cope safely with increased loading.

• Mr lan Kelsall, director of the Confederation of British Industry in Wales, said that it would still want nothing less than an announcement that the Government was prepared to set up a feasibility study for a second crossing of the Severn (Craig Seton writes).

Fleet short of sailors, Navy says

Royal Navy are leading to some frigates and destroyers being under-manned.

esterday that ships on longterm deployments and submar-tnes were always fully manned but that frigutes and destroyer carrying out short-term activity ties, such as sea trials after a refly or weapons trials might not be fully manned.

an important factor in the decision to take the carrier HMS Hermes out of active ervice at the end of this year. The problem arises from combination of the plans prepared by Sir John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence in 1981, to reduce naval manpower and the decisions in the after the Falklands conflict to keep in service more ships than Destroyers and frigates on

cent undermanned.

Teaching hospitals merger proposed in London By Nicholas Timmins, Health Services Correspondent

wife and daughter of the deputy stand for what was right'

Police officers taking shelter at they tried to stop vehicles entering the Police Authority, Mr Harold Best. He

Greenham Common, Berkshire, where air base. Two of the women are the said last night: "They were making a

A radical reorganization of the hospital service in central London, with the effective merger of the Middlesex and University College teaching hospitals, the closure of 500 acute hospital beds and the closure of the accident and emergency service at the Middlesex Hospital, has been proposed by Bloomsbury Health Authority.

and charged with obstruction after chairman of the West Yorkshire

Between six and ten small specialist hospitals would either be closed and sold, or their use changed. The proposals would allow

the development of better services for the old, mentally ill and mentally handicapped, and in primary health care, the authority says, while allowing money to be transferred out of central London to develop services in commuter areas from which many patients now

Bloomsbury calculates that under the Government's programme of redistributing health

Saxony has dropped its claim

that the most valuable manu-

script in private hands, planned

Sotheby's London on Decemb

1. left West Germany illegally.

Instead, it is trying to raise

The twelfth century Gospels

written and illuminated at

Helmarshausen Abbey for

Henry the Lion. Duke of Saxony, is valued by Sotheby's

Mystery, bowever, surrounds

It appeared on the Lower

Saxony Government's list of national treasures, whose ex-

port was banned, in August, 1961, but was removed lated

after Prioce Ernst-August of

Hanover said that it had not

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the introduction of heritage protection laws in 1955.

The legitimacy of the

Prince's claim was reexamined and the Lower Savony Govern-

ment has now said that all the

evidence concurs that it was taken out of Germany around

at between £2m and £4m.

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money to buy it.

to be sold at auction at

Germans drop claim

to Saxon Gospels

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

service resources, its £107m ance Hospital and St Pancras budget will be cut by at least Hospital. £14m to £15m over the next decade. It will have to find up to £40m to reorganize its

The proposal is to make the Middlesex and University College Hospitals into one integrated campus, which would become the focus for general medicine and surgery, with the Middlesex carrying much of the

specialized work.

The district's small specialist postgraduate hospitals would probably be closed and moved into the Middlesex. The health authority has decided that the four 26 to 50-bed hospitals that make up the St Peter's postraduate group, specializing in kidney and urinary complaints, should be merged. Other hospitals that are likely

to be affected include the Soho Hospital for Women, the Royal National Nose and Ear Hospital, in Soho, and services now located at the National Temper-

present owners from the Prioces of Hanover at some

time since 1949. In that year it

One of the scholars said to

have handled negotiations on

behalf of the Prince of Hanover

was the late Professor Anthony

Blunt, the Russian spy, who was then Surveyor of Pictures

Sotheby's and Christie's

continued yesterday with their sales of Impressionist and

modern paintings in New York (a Sale Room Correspondent

writes). Sotheby's offered a portrait

by Egon Schiele, dating from 1910, in which his fellow

painter. Karl Zakovsek, is seen in the early stages of decompo-

sition and apparently sitting,

but with no support. It sold for a record \$2,420,000 (£1.613,333), against an esti-mate of \$600,000 to \$800,000. The sale produced a total of \$16,800,000 (£11,200,000),

\$16,800,000 (£11,200,000), with about 30 per cent bought

offered for sale.

to King George VI.

A Queen Anne mansion at

(Photograph: Brian Harris)

Tadworth Court children's hospital, in Surrey, is to be handed over to the trust that is being set up to save the hospital, health ministers have decided. The decision was welcomed

by the trust but is to be opposed by the governors of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormand Street, central London, who run Tadworth. • The boom in the construc

tion of sizable private hospitals on green field sites is almost over, the British United Provident Association said yesterday. Mr Eric Hemming, development director of BUPA Hospitals, which will have 10 hospitals operating by the end of next year, said that the number of independent acute beds would rise from 4,500 in

1976, at the time of Labour's attack on pay beds, to just over 8.000 by the end of next year.

Dismissal

sought over

college sale

By John Witherow

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value to be £6m.

value. Hamilton College of

Mr George Robertson, Labour MP for Hamilton,

called yesterday for the dis-missal of Mr Alexander Fletcher, Scottish education

minister at the time of the sale

who is now Under Secretary of

The sale was investigated on Wednesday by the Commons

Public Accounts Committee. which discovered that the Scottish Education Department had ignored the chief valuer's

advice. Its chairman. Mr Robert Sheldon. Labour MP for Ash-

ton-under-Lyne, described the

sale as a give-away.

State for Trade and Industry.

An MP has called for the

Waldron, jailed for life last week for the murder of his nephew, was an MI5 informer and a mass murderer were "fantasy," Mr Rex Makin, Waldron's solicitor, said yesterday after a jail interview with Waldron and senior detectives.

Mr Makin said Waldron denies being involved in any of the alleged killings. Mr David Alton, Liberal MP for Mossbill. said he was still seeking a top level investigation of the alle-

Crash man fined James Simpson, a Ripon

company director who crashed his Mercedes car after a day at the races, killing his two passengers, was fined a total of £500 at York Crown Court dismissal of a minister respon-sible for the sale of a former yesterday on two counts of

Education, near Glasgow, which was closed because of education **Body at Minster** cuts, was sold last year to an independent school and property developers for £680,000 after the chief valuer had estimated the buildings market

The partly decomposed body of a man was found by television engineers on the roof of the south trancept of York Minster yesterday, on the eve of the enthronement of the new

Cell figures

Prisoners held in police and court cells in London and the Home Counties totalled 463 men and 48 women, the highest number yet.

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outside Scotland it varied widely in quality and strength

and many attempts were being made to balance the drank by blending

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Ceric His new "Buchanan Blend" was the Kenner Aleense.



By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

Manpower shortages in the The Ministry of Defence said

The manpower shortage was

Sir John had intended.

Museum chief in Cairo takes on Sphinx beard

The Deputy Keeper of the Egyptology Department of the British Museum is flying to Cairo at the weekend to try to conclude arrangements for the loan to Egypt of the Museum's fragment of the Sphinx's beard. But museum officials are disquieted by reports that the Egyptians will make British Egypt if the fragment is not

returned, The British Museum remains adamant that the fragment, a 2ft high stump of limestone which has barely left the museum's storeroom for the past 165 short-term activities are under-stood typically to be about 10 the desert winds by being

MP's 'workshy' apology

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

told the Commons that one of her ministers. Mr John Butcher. the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Industry, had unreservedly withdrawn a remark about the "work-shy North". Mr Butcher was vesterday pursued in a Commons motion on the "minister's contempt for the Northern region" and by Mr Mr Butcher, the MP for Neil Kinnock, the Labour Coventry, South West, regretted leader, after making the remark that his remarks, "which were at a meeting in the Midlands on

The Prime Minister yesterday Butcher's remarks during Prime Minister's question time in the Commons, asking whether she agreed "that the West Midlands is an area in between the workshy North, where there seems to be an attitude of waiting for the Government to bail them out, and the materialistic South."

intended to extel the virtues of the West Midlands" may have Kinnock quoted Mr caused offence.

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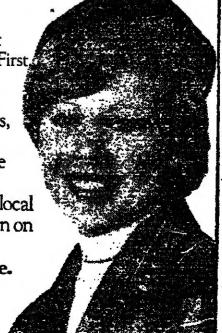
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Alan Mattock could not find

a job - so he stole a 35-ft yacht valued at £20,000 from Cardiff

But Mattock, aged 19, equipped with three packets of biscuits, a tin of baked beans and 70 dollars, turned up the Bristol Channel and ran aground after 20 miles, Cardiff

tried to go right but the

wind was too strong and the boat went left. When I got out in the channel I realized I

couldn't - make - it to America

and decided to try for Ireland."

He had no experience of sailing and thought America was about 500 miles and three in the days chiling and three in the sail of t

days sailing away.

Mattock, from Nottingham, was put on probation.

Stephens charge

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Miss Susan Stephens, who is accused of receiving and hand-

accused of receiving and hand-ing stolen goods for the gunnan, David Martin, was dropped yesterday on the direction of the judge at

Knightsbridge Crown Court.
Miss Stephens, aged 26, of Exeter, is still accused of three other offences. She denies them

Police cadets go

in spending cuts

Avon and Somerset police has cut £700,000 from its budget for next year to help to cut spending by the two counties which are both threatened with covernment repair.

tened with government penal-ties for overspending.

force's cadet force will have to

be abandoned, and between 12 and 15 traffic wardens will be

lost through natural wastage. Police strength will be cut by 20.

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Fight to bring reprieved woman back from South African prison

A campaign has been started to allow Mrs Maureen Smith, the British woman whose death sentence was commuted to 20 years' imprisonment in South Africa yesterday, to serve her iail term in Britain.

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Mrs Smith, aged 40, who was London before emigrating to South Africa in 1975, was sentenced to hang a year ago for the murder of her husband,

Yesterday an appeal court in Bloemfontein agreed by three death of the hired killer, Mr votes to two to set aside the David Mnguni, who stabbed Mr death penalty imposed on her Smith 14 times after being and on Mr Jack Ramogale, the promised £6,000 by Mrs Smith. family chauffeur whom she paid to find a killer. He was sentenced instead to 15 years' imprisonment.

The campaign to get Mrs Smith transferred to a British prison was disclosed last negative the London layer representation.

appeal judge in Bloemfontein, the father of Mrs Smith, said that a combination of Mr Malcolm Lee to personality defects, the stress of

Dog owner

spared £350

rescue bill

An unemployed Kent labourer

will not have to pay the RSPCA the £350 cost of rescuing his

dog from an underground drain. But he will be asked to

contribute to an estimated £50.

Mr Paul Brunt, aged 22, of Chatham, claimed the RSPCA

had threatened not to return his

year-old Border Lakeland ter-

rier unless he paid some of the costs. The operation took three

days and involved hiring a

mechanical digger and a Dyno-

Rod engineer. Mr Brunt said

that he could not afford to pay. The RSPCA said yesterday that it had never threatened

withholding the terrier, but had

made the "reasonable request" that Mr Brunt should pay the

Former mistress

loses court fight

Miss Valerie Burns, aged 40,

who lived with her lover for 20 years and bore him two sons

their home. She was refused leave by the House of Lords to challenge a Court of Appeal

decision last July that she was

gate, north London, in which Mr Patrick Burns, aged 57.

remained after the relationship

A gang clubbed a security guard and robbed a cashier of £41,000 in wages yesterday in the centre of Stockport, Greater

One of the six masked raiders

waved a sawn-off shotgun and

threatened a witness as the gang

grabbed six plastic cases of wage

packets being delivered to the

Daw Bank bus depot for staff

A recluse, known for his frugal habits by neighbours in Shady Grove, Salisbury, left

£607,691 net. Mr lan Maines, a

retired accountant, who died intestate in July, aged 77, had shared a basement flat with his

Dorothy Johnson, aged 33, of Silver Spring Close, Erith, south-east London, who

strangled her daughter aged

three, was put on probation for three years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday on condition that she receives

medical treatment. She had

Victim's suicide

Mrs Ethel Kann, aged 66, from Holloway, north London, who found it difficult to cope with upsets in life took a fatal

overdose after being mugged

last month, St Pancras coroner's

Crash kills three

Three men were killed when

a car was crushed under a road tanker loaded with 600 gallons of fuel in Aldershot, Hamp-

shire, yesterday. Firemen were

admitted manslaughter.

Mother freed

Other wills, page 16

£617,027

recluse

Armed raiders seize £41,000

veterinary bill.

aunt. Miss Daisy Sleet, had influenced Mrs Smith to commit the crime.

It was almost certain that Mr Mullucks considered it essential that his son-in-law should be silenced, the judge added Mrs Smith's part in the murder of born and brought up in east her husband could probably be blaimed mainly on her father, whose manipulation she could not resist, Mr Justice Wessels

> But the court unanimously dismissed the appeal against

by the London lawyer rep-Mr Justice Wessels, the chief resenting Mr Harry Mullucks,

Mr Malcolm Lee told The Times: "I can confirm that discussions have already taken terms and specifically in regard to this case to see what moves can be made for this unfortunate woman to serve her

sentence in this country,
"That would at least make it
possible for those close to her to
visit her from time to time." Mr Duncan Downes, Mrs Smith's South African solicitor, described her 20-year sentence as too long and added: "My endeavours in regard to re-missions and parole have not finished, they have only just

begun."
During the trial the court had been told that Mr Smith had allegedly tried to blackmail Mrs Smith and her father, and that in response Mr Mullucks had once suggested sending "heavies" to South Africa to kill

Mr Mullucks, aged 72, of East Ham, yesterday described the 20-year sentence as "undeserving". He would not comment an unhappy marriage and discussions have already taken on the allegation that he had continuous and persistent place with members of both influenced or persuaded his coercion by her father and her houses of Parliament in general daughter to kill Mr Smith.

Girls 'must learn science at school'

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Science should be comput- in class when a spaceship sory in schools for girls up to the age of 16 and positive discrimination should be practised to encourage girls to overcome centuries-old attitudes. Sir James Hamilton, former permanent secretary at the Department of Education and Science, said yesterday.

Sir James was summing up at Women into Science and Engineering conference London, attended by 200 stereotyped by teachers into

and careers.

Miss Valerie Evans, in charge of Her Majesty's Inspectors of schools in the West Midlands, described a highly-respected school in the Derbyshire Dales said that craft, design and said that craft, design and the schools of the said that craft, design and the said that the said t where she met a group of boys aged 11 using microcomputers in their spare time. "And what were the girls doing? They were

yesterday lost the final round of nowhere near the micros. her legal fight for a share of Mr Ted Smith, of F not entitled to any share of the appalled by the sex-stereotyping house in Ocides I are South, of girls that went on in schools. One of his three daughters was children are given."

launching was televised and a teacher had burst in and said that any boy who wanted to watch it could do so.

Mr Barry Stynes, acting head of the department of civil engineering at Brighton Poly-technic, said that only 10 per cent of the first year of his

degree course were women Mr John Spice, staff inspector for science in the Inner London Education Authority, said that delegates from education and local education authorities industry. Speaker after speaker should be given strong advice had said that girls were being that girls must do one science subject, at least in the fourth thinking of girls-only subjects and fifth form. Where they were

technology should also be compulsory.

Sir James said that he was were the girls doing? They were worried about just making sitting, talking, knitting - but physics or chemistry compul-

"Most of the exciting devel-Mr Ted Smith, of Preston
Polytechnic, told the conference, organized by the Standing
Conference on Schools' Science
Say.

"Most of the exciting developments are in biology. We should not be prejudiced against biology but against the and Technology, that he was sometimes very sloppy way in which it is taught and the very

wall to wall onions

The distinctly Gallic aroma permeating from M Patrick Mevel's tiny flat proved too much for some of his neigh-bours. And when they protested to Cardiff city council, inspectors found more than 30 tons of

From floor to ceiling, the onions filled three rooms, and another room was used to string them. It was hardly a covert operation, for articulated trucks would pull up outside to deliver supplies as needed.

Each day, M Mevel, equipped with beret and bicycle, sets out from his onion emporium to sell his wares in central Cardiff.

But his tale failed to bring tears of compassion to the city fathers, who have given him until Christmas to make his

flat an onion-free zone. Cardiff city council said that the onions are being stored in a terraced house without plan-

ning permission. M Mevel said: "It is all very sad. My family have been selling onions in Cardiff for generations. I do not mind the smell at all."

He adds that be only had eight tons stored and, after all,

Action over | Selling glue sniffing kit 'is illegal'

Selling glue-sniffing kits to children knowing that they will use them to the danger of their lives or health is a crime under Scottish law, the Court of Criminal Appeal ruled yester-

day.
The decision by the Lord
Justice General, Lord Emslie sitting with Lords Cameron and Dunpark, means that two brothers accused of seling glue

together with crisp packets and plastic bags to children aged between eight to 15, must stand trial at the High Court.

Mr Khaliq Raja, aged 23, and Ahmed Raja aged 28, from Mount Florida, Glasgow, are accused of culpable and reckless conduct in selling the life at

conduct in selling the kits at their shop.

Lord Emslie said that the principles of Scottish law stated clearly: "An old crime may be

committed in a new way".

That principle agreed with the Lord Advocate, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, that any act is criminal if real injury is

caused. Rejecting the brothers' appe against a previous ruling by Lord Avonside that they must stand trial Lord Emslie noted that Parliament had not ad-dressed itself to statutory control of solvents.

Hotel guests 'fobbed off'

One in four of the guests complained felt that their interviewed in a new survey of grievance had been handled. British hotels had cause to badly, and 41 per cent never complain to management and knew the outcome of their most of them said that they complaint. The guide describes ent answers or no answer at all. managements". It does not More than 2,500 people took disclose the nature of the guests' part in the survey and the complaints but AA members results were published yesterday complained about unsatisfacin the 1984 edition of the tory accommodation. unable to free the bodies for Automobile Association's guide

were "fobbed off" with indiffer- it as "a serious criticism of hotel

to hotels and restaurants. The AA Hotels and Restaurants Nearly a third of those who Britain, (£5.95).

Britain set for biggest drinking spree

which fell by more than 10 per cent from 35.4 million to 31.7

9 per cent, But gin is predicted be sold on draught

Drink Industries Forecasting than 14 per cent in 1987, losing ched yesterday as the new ground mainly to vodka.

Consumption of spirits, Beer consumption, which dinating the work of three

also dropped by 10 per cent previously separate organiza-between 1978 and 1982, will tions. million gallons between 1978 have regained its position by and 1982, is expected to reach 37.4 million gallons by 1987.

Whisky will hold its market will comprise more than 36 per Rehabilitation Establishments share at about 54 per cent, as cent of the market, about four and the Alcohol Education

Britain is about to embark on its biggest drinking spree ever, according to the Food and of the market in 1978 to less on Alcohol Misuse, was laun-

ism, the Federation of Alcoholic will brandy, 7 per cent, and rum fifths of all beer will continue to Centre came after the recommendations of a joint study



New start: James Nelson and his wife Georgina at St Andrew's University yesterday.

Man who murdered mother may get preacher's licence

his mother to death with a police truncheon and a brick, is being considered for a preach-er's licence by the Church of Scotland's Presbytery of St

That would allow him to use the title reverend and after a year's apprenticeship in a parish, he would be eligible for ordination and a parish of his

own. Mr Nelson, aged 39, who was seutenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs Elizabeth Nelson in 1970, was secretly accepted by the church as an approved candidate for the ministry four years ago. If he is eventually ordained

he would make history as the first convicted murderer to enter the clergy of any christian The church subjected Nelson

to an extensive interview prodecure after his release on parole in 1979 before he joined in the faculty of divinity at St

During his four years at St Mary's College, St Andrew's, only a tiny number of church and miversity officials knew of his past.

In September, he completed

his divinity degree and last month he married Miss Georgine Roden, aged 26, a first-class honours graduate in Hebrew and biblical studies in the same college.

Neison told a press confer ence in Edinburgh yesterday that he had forgiven himself for

Earlier, his father, Mr Robert Nelson, aged 74, bad said: "I cannot forgive and forget but I also cannot forget that he is my son." Nelson told journalists that

he was convinced God wanted him to go into the ministery. The Rev Ronald Blakey, secretary of the kirk's education for the ministery committee, said that Nelson's application had been approved unanimously at every stage. "We believe the people of

Scotland and the church of Scotland recognizes the power of God to change men's lives." He said that if Nelson's application failed, the church would be "much poorer". "If sin is a reality then so is

Mrs Nelson said that her husband would be a "very compassionate minister". She said that he had revealed his past to her over a cup of coffee in his flat.

"I knew there was something that Jim wanted to tell me about for a long time and I rather suspected be had been in

prison". Nelson preached frequently in churches in Fife and Angus while a divinity student. His application to become a pro-bationary minister will prob-ably be considered in May.

Nelson killed his mother in the family home in Garrowhill, Lanarkshire, in what was referred to as "a cold rage", after an argument over

Jockeys in bribes inquiry

By Michael Philips Racing Correspondent

The Jockey Club is to hold nquiries into allegations of bribery encerning a number of jockeys. Neither the precise number nor the identity of those involved has been revealed.

The Jockey Club statement yesterday was precipitated by a newspaper report alleging that one jockey had accepted a gift of £1000 after being unplaced in a

The Jockey Club has said that an unspecified number of jockeys will have to face its disciplinary committee at Portman Square, in London, next

Letters have been sent to those concerned this week Under the rules of racing, the stewards have the power to impose fines of up to £2,250 and disqualify a person for life for offences that come under

their jurisdiction.

Woolworth prosecution condemned

A judge yesterday described a decision by F. W. Woolworth to prosecute a widow of 77 for shoplifting as an "affront to British justice". The pros-ecution then withdrew its case. Mr Recorder Goldstein, sit-ting at Wood Green Crown

Court, north London, said: "If Woolworth want the sadistic pleasure of prosecuting this woman they will have to pay for it. I have every intention of making sure they pay their own costs and every penny of defence costs."

defence costs."

The judge said that it was a public disgrace that such a woman, with no previous convictions, had been prosecuted and that the long wait before coming to the crown court could have killed her.

Mrs Eva Ronsley, of Wheato-roft, Flamstead End, Cheshunt, had been accused of stealing goods worth £30 from Woolworth in Edmonton on May 14. A verdict of not guilty was

recorded against her.
The judge said to Mrs
Ronsley: "May I apologize to
you on behalf of all of us who are associated with the court that you, at 77, a lady who has worked hard throughout her life, bringing up a family and then having to bury your husband, should be subjected to

this humiliation." He ordered that Woolworths should pay all the court costs and requested that the matter be reported to the company's

managing director.

Woolworth said last night that the company recognized that its control procedures had not worked in this instance and

they were already under review. "Theft is an enormous problem for all retailers today and we have to take a tough line in oreder to protect our customers and our employees."

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British Caledonian Airways is offering two tickets for the price of one first-class ticket to Los Angeles and St Louis until Louis round trip fare is £1,998, Los Angeles £2,226.

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Nation warned of tax increases next year

THE ECONOMY

Taxes and national insurance contributions are likely to go up in next year's Budget. Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, made clear on his autumn pointed out, his forecast of spending and borrowing at this stage was subject to a wide margin of uncertainty and would need to be reviewed before he came to his

Budget judgment. Mr Lawson said: As my predecessor did last year, I am laying before the House today an autumn statement which brings together certain matters customarily announced at this time of the year. The statement contains the Government's outline public expenditure plans for 1984-85, proposals for national insurance

forecast of economic prospects for 1984 required by the Industry Act. In response to firm monetary policies the past year has seen falliinflation, renewed growth and solid evidence of our continuing recovery from world recession. Progress both on inflation and on growth this year has been better than expected at the

grown by about 5 per cent, inflation has fallen from double figures to around 5 per cent, and there have been significant gains in productivity, competitiveness and profitability. Employment appears now to be rising, and unemploy-ment to be levelling off.

Output this year is expected to be about 3 per cent higher than in 1982, and the Industry Act forecast points to continuing growth next year. Recovery in the rest of the medium term financial strategy. world, so far hesitant outside North America, is now widely expected to show some improvement.

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With higher exports offsetting
some slow-down in the growth of
domestic demand, overall United
Kingdom output is forecast to rise by a further 3 per cent in 1984. With inflationary pressures remaining weak, inflation is likely to edge down again next year to a rate of around 4½ per cent by the fourth

PSBR assumptions

to be exerted on public borrowing. Despite the measures I announced on July 7 it is clear that this year's PSBR is likely to be above the £8.2hn expected at the time of the

ised in line with prices, and that the PSBR is held next year to the £8bn assumed at the time of the last Budget in accordance with the

On this basis the forecast implies the need for some net increase in taxes in next year's Budget. As the House will recognize, this is, of course, at this stage, subject to a wide margin of uncertainty, and will need to be reviewed, with other relevant factors, in the light of more

up-to-date information, before I come to make my Budget judgment. Following this year's public expenditure review, the public expenditure planning total for next year, 1984-85, will remain at £126.4bn. The House will recall that that was the provisional figure for 1984-85 published in the public expenditure White Paper in Feb-

ruary this year. terms as the likely outturn for this year, 1983-84. So, with the economy expanding, public expenditure should continue to fall as a percentage of GDP next year.

In this in the second process of the nationalized industries. Net receipts from special sales of assets are forecast to increase by some £400m reflecting, among other

Mr Roy Hattersley, chief Oppo-sition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs: The House will hope that the Government's

forecast of recovery will be proved right this time. To reinforce that hope, why is he making markedly

independent forecasters, more optimistic indeed, than the CBI.

Moving on to make the charitable

assumption that Government's predictions are accurate and objective, will be confirm that, even

on his figures, after four and a half years of Conservative Government,

living standards are still lower than under Labour in 1979 and that the

overall level of output is no higher than when Labour left office. There

when a calamitous fall in output.
Will be confirm that manufacturing output will be lower at the end of this Parliament than when the Government took office? At the

present rate of growth, we shall not have returned to the Labour levels

The signs of life about which he was jubilant are, at least in part, the result of the brief recovery in

public spending controls and

introduced in preparation for the election last spring, led to the improvement which stems from a

temporary reversal, not the long-term success of Government policy.

Government proposes to return to

its old obsession with public

House - and will be? - that the gas

and electricity price increases on which he is insisting are part of his

badly disguised fuel 12x? (Labour

Instead of learning the lesson, the

Why did he not honestly tell the

of output until after 1993.

prospects!

mistic forecasts about the

ic prospects than any

than expected, as I indicated to the House on July 7.

For next year, 1984-85, the forcest makes the conventional assumptions that the direct large and excise duties. shows increases in spending for health and personal social services, education, law and order, agricul-

tural support, arts and libraries, and for a number of other programmes. Social security spending will also increase, although there will be reductions in the coverage of help with housing costs, particularly housing benefit. The social security programme provides for an uprating in November, 1984, based on the rise in prices in the 12 months to May 1984.

National Insurance

These increases are offset by higher receipts from the sale of council houses and the like, and by a reduction in planned spending on home improvement grants, defence, employment, trade and industry, and several other programmes including the aggregate external financing limits of the nationalized industries.

will come down, but that is not entirely within the control of the Government, as he should know.

There is no question of fuel prices being in any sense a hidden tax. The

principle that prices should reflect the cost of fuel on a continuing basis, while providing an adequate return on capital is adequately

Mr Hattersley: Not one of the questions which I was able to cobble

ogether in my apprentice incom-

petence has been answered by him.

We will pursue him in the hope maybe even he will answer some of

the questions in a week's time.

The reason he will not predict

unemployment today is because the

of recovery is as bogus as the Chancellor is complacent.

react to good economic news in such

a sour and grudging way. I said during the election campaign that

there was a good chance that unemployment might start to fall during the next year, 1984, and that

Meanwhile, over the last three months unemployment of adults, seasonally adjusted, has fallen by

Mr Edward De Cans (Taunton, C):

Will he during his term of office

ensure that a greater proportion of

capital projects and that the bias in

against capital projects be removed?

Will he also ensure that capital projects wherever possible are

Mr Lawson: In the forecast that we are publishing today for 1984 we

show consumers expenditure rising by 2.5 per cent. and fixed investment by 4 per cent.

Mr Roy Jenkins (Glasgow, Hill-

head. SDP): The weakness in the

not remains to be seen.

privately funded?

established.

As the House will be aware, the February White Paper provided for

£3bn. That figure remains intact.
The 1983 review of expenditure plans has, of course, also covered 1985-86 and 1986-87. Details of the plans for both those years will be published in next year's Public

Expenditure White Paper. The Government has also reviewed its manpower requirements for the years up to 1988. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury is today publishing details of our plans for a continued steady reduction in

593,000 by 1988, a fall of 6 per cent below the existing target of 630,000, which we expect to be achieved on

the size of the Civil Service.

or before April 1, 1984. I come, lastly, to national insurance contributions. As the House knows, these are reviewed every autumn in the light of advice from the Government Actuary on the prospects for the national

insurance fund in the coming As usual, the carnings limits will

security programme.

Mr Maurice Macmillian (Surrey South West, C) asked Mr Lawson to look again at the whole question of energy prices and nationalised.

industry prices generally.

Will be assure us that at least

capital investment is kept in line with the sale of assets, otherwise we

Townend: Spending

will be selling the furniture to pay for the food bill; and we cannot go

did not reduce the amount of capital

stock of the country but merely

transferred some of the capital stock

where it could be more efficient and

better used and where a better return could be obtained for the

private concerns would be prepared to be in business at that sort of

return.

Though policy is a matter for the industries in the framework set by government, it is likely that gas and

electricity prices in the coming year will increase by less than the rate of

ture was expected to rise by 21/2 per

cent and fixed investment by 4 per cent next year. Exports were expected to rise by 4 per cent next

Mr David . Howell (Guildford, C):

What percentage of total Govern-

meat percentage or total Crovern-meat spending next year will be in the form of fixed capital invest-ment? Will be undertake in the future to make clearer distinctions between capital and current needs?

Mr Lawson: I cannot tell him at this

great deal to be desired.

Later, Mr Lawson, answering an

inflation.

The rate of return to the electricity

things, the fact that the privatization of Enterprise Oil is now expected not this year but in 1984-85. week, in line with the single rate retirement pension, and the upper carnings limit will rise to £250 a week, broadly in line with the increase in prices and carnings.

The taxpayers' contribution to the fund - the so-called Treasury a provisional contingency reserve of 13 per cent to 11 per cent. Finally, in each of the last four years we have had to increase the class 1 national

insurance contribution rate itself. I am glad to say that we shall not need to do so for 1984-85. So the full class I rate will remain unchanged

at 9 per cent for employees and 10.45 per cent for employers. As is customary, the Secretary of State for Social Services will this afternoon announce details of the changes in the Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order and will lay before Parliament the

accompanying report by the Government Actuary. opportunity next week to debate the

autumn statement. For the first time for many years we are now enjoying low inflation combined with steady growth. This is a winning combination. Our task is to keep that winning combination by sticking to — and indeed reinforcing — the policies which have brought it about.

Labour attacks 'badly disguised fuel tax'

investment in the capital base of the economy which, in the long run, will statement does less than nothing for provide them with hope of re-A recent survey by the CBI and British Institute of Management showed there were four things industry most wants to provide more jobs. These are: more capital Mr Lawson: He has a good point when he implies that those who are calling for increases in public sector capital investment should suggest where the savings are to be made on current expenditure to make room for it. One of the biggest programmes and biggest increases in current expenditure is the social security morrange.

more jobs. These are: more capital spending, lower energy costs, lower interest rates and a suitable exchange rate. Why has he been stone deaf to each of these?

Why did he not take the advice of the House of Lords who have unanimously agreed that Britain should join the exchange rate mechanism of the European monetary system?

My Lawson That may be the

Mr Lawson: That may be the unanimous opinion of the Lords but I do not detect it has unanimous

support in this House. Of course, the CBI conference recently voted on the issue and the majority voted against it. The matter is still under review and he should make it less of

I agree interest rates are vitally important to industry. That is why we are determined to keep Government borrowing down and it is down a full point since the election. The CBI reckon one point off interest rates is worth £300m. Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C): The burden of taxation in Britain is far too high if he is going to have any chance of fulfilling our pledge to reduce the level of taxation, there will have to be continued pressure to control spending departments, something which does not seem to

have happened as much as it should. Expenditure must be cut. Mr Lawson: I agree we must maintain firm control of public expenditure and that we will be able to have the burden of taxation falling during the lifetime of this Parliament.

Parliament. Mr Michael Morris (Northampton South, Cr. The net receipts from denationalization of £400m will be denationalization of zworm with the welcome, but there will be some disappointment that Enterprise Oil has been delayed a year. Will he give an assurance he will vigorously support further denationalization?

Mr Lawson: I will most certainly vigorously support denationalization in energy as elsewhere. But it is not a slippage of a year. It is a slippage of a few months, which takes it out of this financial year and into the next.

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Warrington North, Lab): What will be the effect

of the rise in fuel tax: on the competitiveness of British industry? Mr Lawson: There is no fuel tax. Electricity prices for industry are likely this year to go up by less than the rate of inflation following a year when they did not go up at all. There has also been a longer freeze on industrial gas prices.

Milk imports approved

The Government had a majority of 111 in the Commons late on Wednesday night when an Opposition move to block imports of UHT milk, sterilized milk and frozen pasteurized cream rejected by 323 votes to 212.

stage but this will be provided in the normal way, when the White Paper comes to be published. I hope we Dismissing fears expressed from both sides of the House about the impact of imports on doorstep milk deliveries. Mr Micheal Jopling. can then get a more sensible definition of capital expenditure because at the moment it leaves a Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said it was up to the industry to fight for its market. The Government could not seek to Mr Richard Wainwright (Coine protect doorstep deliveries by

Debate on statement next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be: Monday: Timetable motion on the Telecommunications Bill. Debate on Opposition motion on cooperation and economic development in the Communication. the Commonwealth.

motion to approve Chancellor's autumn statement.

Friday: Social Security (Age of Retirement) Bill, second reading.

The main business of the House

Parliament today

Correction

Mr Geraint Howells, Liberal MP for

Ceredigion and Pembroke North, was wrongly designated as Labour in yesterday's parliamentary report

Spending total to stay in line with White Paper 900m

By Frances Williams Economics Correspondent

tially offset by savings; there has The net effect is an icrease or also been an increase of £0.4bn previous plans of £163m. in estimated receipts from special sales of assets, reflecting among other factors the fact

that the sale of Enterprise Oil is now expected in 1984-85. Programmes, compared with the post-Budget plans, include: Defence: The provision allows for annual growth of some 3 per cent in real terms, with an addition for Falklands costs. Intervention Board for Agricul-

tural Produce: The increase of £422m reflects revised estimates of the cost of implementing European Community agricultural support measures.

Trade and Industry: The provision for 1984-85 is £60m less than the earlier plans. There are increases in provision for redundant steel and shipbuilding workers, launch aid and industrial research and development. These are more than offest by reductions in Regional Development Grants, reduced provision for support for vidual services individual industries and a maintained. reduction in the forecast of British Leyland's equity re-

Environment, housing: It is proposed that local authority, housing corporation and other gross capital expenditure in the housing field should be set at £3,245m, almost exactly the

provision.

The Secretary of State for the announcing measures to ensure that better use is made of the available provision and particularly of the growing volume of capital receipts from the sale of council houses. These increased receipts, together with other changes, will produce a re-duction in the net programme total of £497m. Health and Personal Social

Services: The provision for the hospital and community health services should provide growth of nearly I per cent for the increasing number of very old Cost improvement pro-

grammes should release further resources, to meet medical shortages and waiting times, and allow other improvements. The provision for capital spending is being increased over this year's level by rather more than the forecast of general inflation. The provision planned for the Family Pracestimated demand. The provision for personal social services has been increased. Social Security: The pro-

gramme reflects latest estimates of benefit expenditure in 1984-85, including the effect of

The outcome of the review is revised economic assumptions. to keep the planning total for It provides for an uprating in 1984-85 at the figure in the 1983: November, 1984, based on the White Paper (£126.40n) and rise in prises in the 12 months broadly constant in cost terms to May, 1984, although the compared with 1983-84.

Within the unchanged plan-Within the unchanged plan-ning total for 1984-85, increases until reduction in the coverage in some (mainly demand-led) of help with housing cost, programmes have been substan-particularly housing benefits. The net effect is an icrease on

> Nationalized industries: Exter-nal Financing Limits (EFLs) for nationalized industries in 1984-85 are set out in the accompanying table. Overall, there is a decrease of £666m in. expected external financing requirements. Requirements have decreased for all industries, other than the National Coal Board, the British Steel Corporation, British Ship-builders, and the Civil Aviation

Local authorities, current expenditure: In the face of continued overspending the Government has been obliged to increase provisions for current expenditure relevant for Rate Support Grant (RSG) for 1984-85 by just under £600m from the plans underlying Cmnd 8789. Provisions will be £24.3bn. This should enable the Government's policies for indi-

vidual services to be broadly. Local authorities, capital expen-diture: Early returns from the local authorities for 1983-84 suggest no repetition of the massive capital underspending in 1981-82 and 1982-83. Over-

all, expenditure is expected in the within about £4bn of the planned level of just under

same in cash terms as this year's Reserve: The White Paper included for 1984-85 a provisional reserve of £3bn. In the 1983 review of plans no call has been made on this reserve, which will be available to meet all contingencies including esti-mating changes. At this stage the estimates of expenditure in 1984-85 on some demand-led services are inevitably still

EXTERNAL FINANCING LIMITS FOR THE NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES (1984-85)

uncertain.

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Figure for BNOC is not a first. BNOC's trading results are likely to fluctuate from year to year given the uncertainties of oil fracting.

British Shipbalders' ER is provisional pending decisions on the industry's corporate

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Airlines, worth £200m, was a great success, but with regard to the A320 Airbus, there should be caution to a oid another Concorde situation, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister indicated. Sir Edward Gardner (Fylde, C)

asked her. Would she consider the case of British Aerospace for £400m of refundable launch aid for the 4320 Airbus? Will she bear in mind that British Aerospace has just had tremendous success in gaing £200m worth of orders for the 146 jet airliner and that withdrawal from the European Airbus Industry consortium would inevitably put at risk something like 20,000 jobs and do grievous harm to the future of British Aerospace?

Mrs Thatcher: British Acrospace has had great success in achieving the new order for 20 airliners with

the new order for 20 airliners with an option for a further 25, with regard to the Airbus, the demand is very considerable – for £430m. It will have to be scutmized very carefully. I do not want another Concorde on my hands but we are very anytous that the new airliner should be a very great commercial success.

Hongkong not freehold like **Falklands** Would the wishes of the people of

Hongkong be paramount to a greater or lesser degree than those of the people of the Falkland Islands, Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party (Tweedale, Ettrick and Lauderdale, L) asked the Prime Minister during question time. Mrs Thatcher: He misses one very fundamental point. The Faikland

tundamental point. The Faukand Islands is freehold: Hongkong is leasehold. By treaty, which of course the opposition might not wish to honour, something like 95 per cent of the land reverts to China in 1997. It is that which is causing the problem in the sense that we believe many of the people of Hongkons wish to preserve the status quo. Nevertheless that treaty does exist. It remained Government policy to honour the wishes of the Falkland islanders, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime

North' comment

Apology over 'workshy

APOLOGY An unreserved apology from Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, for slighting remarks he had made about the workshy North and the

materialistic South was conveyed to the Commons by Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister.
In raising the issue, Mr Neil kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, asked: Would she agree with the view expressed by the Under Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry (Mr Butcher), that the West Midlands is an area in between the workshy North where

there seems to be an attitude of waiting for the Government to bail What help is that slander for the people of the West Midlands where unemployment has increased 200 der her Government? Would she disown the remarks of

her minister and require him to make a full apology, preferably to a large public audience in the North of England? Mrs Thatcher: The Under Secretary of State regrets that his remarks

which were intended to extol the virtues of the West Midlands should

on Airbus

launch aid

PM's QUESTIONS

The achievement of British Aeros pace in winning an order for 20 146 jet airliners from Pacific Southwest

Care needed negotiations on sovereignty over the islands. Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) had asked: Freehold or not, what is the government going to do about last night's UN resolution?

Mirs Thatcher: Carry on as before with the wishes of this side of the House and used to be in accordance with the wishes of the Opposition.

Newspaper criticized

Mr Fergus Montgomery (Altrincham and Sale, C) had complained of the activities of the National Graphical Association in its dispute with the Messenger newspaper group.
This union (he said) is defying the

the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Neil Kinnock) would publicly condemn these union bully-boys, preferably at a public meeting in the north of England.

employers or by unlawful picketing.
I understand that the Messenge roup is trying to obtain an niunction today (Thursday) and it would not be appropriate to

be changed

maintain the right of British sportsmen to play wherever they liked throughout the world, including South Africa?

Thoughtless minority of straw burners

Mr Michael Jopling, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, rejected a suggestion in the Commons that he had shown a degree of complacency by failing to respond to the depth of anger felt

throughout the country over the level of straw burning carried out during the summer. Replying to Dr Mark Hughes, an Opposition spokesman on agricul-ture, (City of Durham, Lab), who made the suggestion, Mr Jopling said: We announced early in the summer recess that we believed, in

New of the irritation caused, which

I very much regret, by irresponsible

code of practice and start to have discussions with the Home Office

He said he was conscious of the

inconvenience caused in most cases by a very small thoughtless minority Mr David Madel (Bedfordshire South West, C): As an interim measure, will be support a proposal by a number of farmers in Bedfordshire that straw and stubble

burning should not be allowed on Saturdays, Sundays, Bank holidays and not before 5pm? behaviour, we were going to have another look with the NFU at the Mr Jopling: that is a helpful suggestion, It is something we would wish to discuss.

North and the South and he wishes Mr Kinnock: Is the increase in unemployment in all these areas inadvertant or deliberate?

unreservedly to withdraw them.

Mrs Thatcher; He knows the problem will not be solved until companies produce goods which his constituents will buy.

Mr Harry Cowans (Tynebridge, Lab): Would she reflect on her answer to Mr Kinnock which will bring no consolation to the people of the north of England? It is not so of the north of England. It is not so long since she praised those people, now being called work-shy by one of her ministers, for their efforts to get an aircraft carrier to sea during the

She has made excuses for her minister but has not withdrawn all the remarks on behalf of the Government, nor has she dissociated herself from those remarks constituents but to her own. Mrs Thatcher: If he had been

Mrs Tharcaer: If he had been listening he would have heard exactly what I said. Those remarks were unreservedly withdrawn. (Labour cries of "Sack him"). apology is submitted, it is accepted graciously. about the United Nations General Assembly resolution calling for

(Labour laughter) - to honour the wishes of the Falkland islanders. This would be wholly in keeping

The Government utterly condemns all attempts by trade unions to impose membership on employees, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister,

law with its illegal picketing and harassment and intimidation of workers. It would be refreshing if

Mrs Thateber This Government utterly condemns all attempts by trade unions to impose membership on employees, either by blacking

Gleneagles unlikely to

Mrs Thateher, the Prime Minister, also told the Commons that she does not expect the Gleneagies agreement to be altered. Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) had urged her, when at the Commonwealth conference to resist any attempt by other Commonwealth leaders to stiffen the Gleneagles agreement. Will she assure us (he said) that she will maintain the right of British

Mrs Thatcher: I expect the Gleneagles agreement to be main-tained in its present form.

As payments to chemists were based on the list price this meant pharmacists were being overpaid and consequently the recovery with regard to reviewing the local authority model bye-laws. That we are doing and I reject totally the allegations he has made. arrangements were applied back to October 1980. Mr Mackay said he realised the

strength of feeling which the problem had aroused. He had to be fair not only to chemists, but to taxpayers as well. But his department was willing to try to reach an agreed solution with the Pharmareutical General Council. As the negotiations were due to begin shortly, he did not want to say anything, which might affect them but he was confident that with good

will on both sides a solution would There was a possibility of new arrangements being considered in England and Wales and he he would be watching any developments there with interest.

Fresh talks on

payments to

chemists

Fresh negotiations were due to begin between the Government and the Pharmaceutical General Council over the question of discount

recovery arrangements. Mr John Mackay, Under Secretary of State

for Scotland, said in the Commons.

Douglas-Hamilton (Edinburgh

West. C) pointed out that the clawback arrangements were necess-ary because following the abolution

of resale price maintenance in 1980

chemists had been able to get discounts from retailers and so were

acquiring drugs at less than manufacturers list price.

late on Wednesday night. In an adjournment debo

causes causes consumers? According to today's statement, higher taxes are on the way. When does the Chancellor hope to be able to return to the level of taxation this rountry enjoyed under the continue to the level of taxation this rountry enjoyed under the continue to the level of taxation this rountry enjoyed under the continue to the level of taxation this rountry enjoyed under the continue to the level of taxation this rountry enjoyed under the continue to the level of taxation this rountry enjoyed under the continue to the level of taxation this rountry enjoyed under the continue to the level of taxation this rountry enjoyed under the continue to the level of taxation this rountry enjoyed under the continue to the cont these circumstances, to industry on capital (he said) is a se to attempt to drive down little bit under 2 per cent. Not many

finance but dogmatic nonsense. I congratulate him on keeping Mr Lawson: If we did not maintain faith with the arithmetic, but to that he has broken faith with the a firm policy of controlling and bringing down the PSBR we would electorate. Today he has spoken of electorate. Today he has spoken of forecasts requiring increased tax. Is he softening up the 1922 Committee and the public for what he is proposing next May?

If he is to have more taxes in the spring, can we be utterly sure that they will fail on those most able to bear them rather than on the lower income group, as is his practice? Even if the Chancellor's wildest predictions are true, over the next not - as we do - have interest rates today at the lowest level for over five years. This is far more important to industry than any of other suggestions made and allegation about the recovery being incularly to the construction lopsided, said consumer expendiparticularly to the construction

industry and investment projects.
It is investment overall that matters, not simply investment in the public sector. One of the reasons there has been a shift is that this predictions are true, over the next five years and under present policies, there will be no significant fall in unemployment in the lifetime of this Parliament. more effectively and efficiently left to the private sector rather than the public sector. In the public sector total investment has been rising quite well and next year we expert fixed investment to be rising faster than consumer expenditure. Mr Lawson: I welcome him to his new shadow post. I am sure that he will improve with time. (Labour protests). During the last Parliament

Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C): One of the reasons why the we were able to reduce income tax at all levels, but not the overall burden Government is spending about 45p out of every pound we earn is that of taxation.

We shall, given the pretumptions of existing policy, be able to reduce the overall burden of taxation in the lifetime of this Parliament, but as for the next budget, Mr Hattersley there is an open-ended, indeed statutory commitment towards payment of social security benefits. We are fast approaching the time when we seriously have to consider whether we ae serving the long-term interests of the least well-off in society and the unemployed by increasing benefits at the expense of No government ever makes longterm forecasts of unemployment. The House shares his hope that it

Valley. Lt. Does he realize that in one and the same statement he has painted a false dawn and then obscured it with heavy clouds of Falklands bomb disposal work too dangerous

THE ARMY

The Royal Engineers ordinance and explosive disposal team in the Falklands have removed two million potentially dangerous items from the battlefields there, but a halt been called for a time to any further minefield clearance because of the dangers, Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said. Opening a Commons debate on the army. Mr Stanley said that he had found it in good heart and

shape, outstandingly expert and professional. They were fortunate to have an army of exceptional calibre The present Government had ensured that a career in all three Services was more attractive and satisfying than it had been four years ago.

The Government's considered

iudgment was that present force levels on the central front must be maintained in accordance with the Brussels Treaty. They could not afford to do otherwise because the forward defence of West Germany was that of the United Kingdom. It was intended not merely to naintain BAOR at its present

strength but to make improvements

Anti-armour defence had im-proved significantly and infantry

introduction of the Saxon wheeled

carrier for which the production

obility would be improved by the

equipment and operational

The infantry's new light assault rifle with a calibre of 5.56 mm would be significantly lighter than

He would maintain that the present prospective readiness was much greater than it had been four years ago. That had been achieved only by the higher priority given t In the Falkands there had been ilitary consolidation and a major

improvement in living and working

army carry out major exercises with the navy and air force with live firing by all three Services.

The personal danger to which the ordnance and explosive removal teams who had removed two million potentially dangerous items was self-evident. They had not got the complete answer to the plastic mine and that was one main reason why it would not be responsible to

try to continue the minefield clearance programme at present.

Some MPs had expressed doubt about whether there should be a British contingent in Beirut, If there had been no multi-national force there would have been no chance of a cease fire in Beirut at all, there would have been no opening for negotiatins in Geneva and by now Lebanon might be on the way to ceasing to be an independent state. The price paid was the risk to the multi-national force and the Government was actually aware of

Tuesday: Restrictive Trade
Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill,
second reading, Debate on report
relating to the first phase of the new
parliamentary building.
Wednesday: Debate on Opposition
motion on personness living motion on pensioners' Thursday: Debate on Government

of Lords next week will be: Monday: Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill, second reading. Tuesday: Agricultural Holdings Bill, committee, first day. Wednesday: Debate on wealth creation and investment.
Thursday: Debate on shipping industry. Motion on milk regu-

Commons (9.30): Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amendment) Bill, second reading.

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Privatization expected to raise a record £1,900m for Government

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is expecting to raise a ASSET SALES record £1900m from privatization and other public sector asset sales in the next financial year. This is 50 per cent more than the Government has raised from this course in the summer on the grounds that from this source in any previous year, but it is still expected to understate the final proceeds from the accelerating privatiza-

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tion programme.

The Treasury admitted last night that the £1900m figure

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to sell 51 per cent of the shares the private sector in the coin British Telecom next Octobolits second term of office. er, and this alone will raise approximately £4,000m, according to City and government estimates. Yesterday's state-ment implies that the Government does not expect to raise all the proceeds in one financial year but will, as expected. spread them over a longer period by asking investors to put up money for shares in two or three tranches.

The only other privatization candidate that Mr Nigel Lawson identified by name yesterday was the planned flotation of Enterprise Oil, a new company that has been set up to hold the North Sea oil assets formely owned by the state-owned British Gas corporation.

That sale was originally cations group.

possible Budget changes in the North Sea oil taxation regime could damage the company's reception on the stock market. Enterprise Oil is expected to

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The Government is planning sell 51 per cent of the shares

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Privatization and other asset sales raised about £1700m for the Treasury between 1979 and the election this summer. In this financial year, the Chancellor has set a target for asset sales proceeds of £1250m, £500m more than the original estimate made at the time of the last

government shares in Cable & privatization programme is Wireless, the telecommuni-being stepped up significantly.

Treasury ministers have recently reiterated that privatization remains "a key element" of the Government's economic strategy. They believe that the programme could raise at least

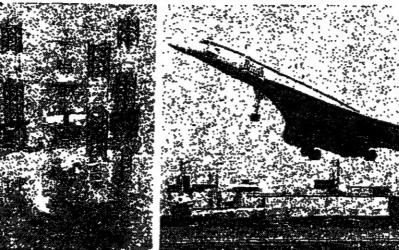
£10,000m over the next five City analysts said last night that they suspected Mr Lawson might increase the £1,900m asset sale target during the next year, particularly if the alterna-tive was a further threatened overshoot in the public sector

borrowing requirement.

Other state-owned businesses that the Government has said it intends to privatize over the next few years include the British Airports Authority, the National Bus Company, the Royal Ordnance Factories. British Shipbuilders' warship yards and profitable parts of BL, such as Jaguar and Unipart. The Treasury is also keen to extend privatization to such monopolies as British Gas and the Central Electricity General-

ine Board. According to Treasury rules, the proceeds of privatization Having already raised £830m from the sale of shares in Britoil and BP, Mr Lawson is well on course to achieve his target. The balance is expected to come from a down payment on the sale of the Wytch Farm oil field, under! per cent of total public in Dorset, and from the sale of privalization programme is





Ripe assets: British Telecom (top), shares in which could raise \$4,000m; drilling in the North Sea (left), where Enterprise Oil is a candidate for privatization; and Concorde (right), the flagship of British Airways, which the Government has pledged to return to the private sector.

councils have little further role in building homes for rent except to the elderly and the

handicapped. The impact of the reduction in housing capital spending will be disguised in 1984-85 by the still burgeoning scale of revenues from the sale of council houses and flats. The forecast for next year is over £1.5 billion for England: in the official

Substantial cuts in outlays on

public housing were announced.

re-cycled in new building and But the net expenditure - the Exchequer's permission to bor-row to build - shows the true position. Capital spending on housing is cut by nearly 9 per cent and there is a continuing fall in housing subsidy, which helps councils pay off debt and

accounts this amount will all be

keep rents down. Mr Patick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, said at a press conference that on his estimates rents should rise next year by no more than the cost of living.

Mr Jenkin announced that gross housing spending next year would be almost the same in cash terms as in 1983-84. But net capital falls from £2.120m as envisaged by the Govern-ment last February, to £1,678m - by all of 20per cent. Even this understates the cut somewhat because the Government will allow councils to carry forward money from 1983-84 to 1984-

However, Mr Jenkin wants to ensure that areas of housing need get priority. He wants to increase the proportion of 1984-85, down capital receipts from sales that February plan.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

he holds back from 50 per cent to 60 per cent to reallocate it to

He said that overall the level of housing activity should be sustained and added: "I see no reason why spending on home improvement grants should not match the 1982-83 level."

Last night, Shelter, the campaign for housing, said Mr Jenkin was proposing "massive" cuts. It predicted that receipts from houe sales would not match up with areas needing house building.
Mr Jenkin blamed the need

for cuts in capital spending squarely on the local authorities' refusal to reduce their spending on staff and services. The Government had been forced to acknowledge councils'

over-spending by adjusting its own plans by £500m.

Apart from housing, plans for spending in 1984-85 have been cut for the water authorities and the inner cities. Water auth-orities will be permitted to borrow one third less in cash to finance reservoir building and pipe laying - although Mr Jenkin noted they had underspent their allocations of previous years.

Water rates should increase in line with the rise in prices. Finance for the urban development corporations will increase slightly but most inner

city programmes will be held at their existing cash levels. In total, the urban and derelict land schemes will get £424m in 1984-85, down £26m from the

AGRICULTURE £422m extra for dairy surpluses

By John Young. Agriculture Correspondent

Intervention purchases of surplus farm produce, mainly butter and skimmed milk powder, are expected to cost an extra £422m in 1984-85, Mr Michael Joplin, Minister of

Aggiculture, said. That represents all but a small part of the additional £437m agricultural expenditure announced by the Chancellor.

Although part of it is refunded from the EEC budget as and when the surpluses are sold, usually at a heavy loss, it will strengthen demands for mounting dairy surplus.

Mr Joplin also stated that compensatory allowances for hill livestock farmers would not be reduced, and that more money would be available for marginal farms once the European Commission had redesig-nated the so-called less favoured

Winding up of the land settlement association smallholdings scheme would contribute towards savings of £11m, he

Lord Gray of Contin, Minister of State for Agricuture at the Scottish Office, said that the announcement about hill-live stock allowances would provide a substantial boost to confidence among farmers in the Highlands and Islands.

Contributions rise for higher paid

Employees earning more than £12,220 a year will find themselves paying up to £70 a year more in National Insurance contributions when higher scales come into operation in April.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, yesterday announced an increase in the upper and lower thresholds used for calculating National Insurance contributions, but there will be no rise in the flat rate charged, which remains at 9

per cent The lower threshold below which employees are not liable for National Insurance contriengthen demands for butions goes up from £32.50 a week to £34 a week in April. Detween a week better off. Part-time workers will be the main

beneficiaries. The upper earnings threshold above which contributions are offshore funds not levied rises from £235 a week to £250.

Earnings within this band, which had previously been exempt from National Insurance contributions, will become subject to the full 9 per cent levy. Employers will find themselves paying up to £89 a year more for employees earning more than £235 a week.

For all employees earning between £34 and £235 a week

situation remains unchanged. National Insurance contributions at 9 per cent of

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Employees who are contrac-ted out of the state earningsrelated pension scheme will pay an extra 4p a week on earnings between £34 a week and £235 a week. Additional contributions well Additional contributions will be payable on earnings between £235 and £250, the new upper limit. The maximum increase will be £1.07 for the employee and £1.17 for the

earnings will continue to be

£32.50 and £34 will be up to £3 those paying only Class 2 contributions.

Restrictions on

Details of the new provisions announced yesterday by the Chancellor. More than £1,500m has been pumped into the funds, which are mostly based in the Channel Islands.

The funds appeal particularly to higher rate taxpayers because they turn highly taxed income into lower taxed capital gains. Any gains on disposals made after January 1, next year will

TRANSPORT Spending on roads up as

fares aid cut By Michael Baily Transport Editor

The figures for transport represent a marked shift from current expenditure such as local fares subsidy (£300m down) to capital expenditure such as road construction (£200m up). Trunk road expenditure rises from £715m this year to £800m

next year, and capital expendiemployee and employer.

The selfemployed have not escaped. The flat rate Class 2 contributions goes up to £4.60 a week, which works out at an annual increase of £10.40 for maintenance, is cut from maintenance, is cut from ture on local transport, roads, £1.890m for the current year to a target of £1,560m for 1984-85.

External finance limits for British Rail are down as expected from £953m to £936m; and for British Airways from -£58m to -£160m reflecting Details of the new provisions to catch tax avoiders who invest in offshore roll-up funds were annual end of the provisions of the new provisions expected higher profitability and repayment of debt to improve the airline's balance

The higher road construction

budget means that the trunk road programme can be accelerated and bypasses round many towns and villages can be built The Department of Trans-port declined yesterday to give details, at this stage, of which localities may benefit; but at least 14 important contracts be taxed as income at the worth £170m will be let soon as investor's highest rate.

Fowler promised 1% growth will persist

By Nicholas Timmins Health Services Correspondent

Spending on the National Health Service is to rise by £800m next year, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced. That is an increase of just

over 1 per cent in real terms, providing the Government's assumptions that prices will rise by 5 per cent and pay by 3 per

The rise is 0.5 per cent more than the 0.5 per cent increase in real terms that health authorities had been told earlier this year to plan on for the next decade, but it is based on spending after the Chancellor's 1 per cent in July.

to have won an assurance in Cabinet that a similar level of growth will be allowed in 1985 and 1986.

The increase will roughly match the extra resources needed each year to cope with increased numbers of elderly. but extra developments and medical advances must be

financed by efficiency savings.

NHS capital spending will rise by £50m, 7 per cent more than this year, to £760m. The Government has allowed an extra £190m next year for family doctor services, which this year overspent their budget by £100m.

Given that the gross increase

HEALTH smaller increases in spending

Announcing the changes, Mr Fowler said: "We have honoured our pledges to the NHS. We are already treating

more patients than ever before The extra would cope with the increasing numbers of very

"These pressures will run at just under I per cent in the next few years and we are fully aware of the importance of coping with these demands. Together with the resources which can be saved by cost-improvement programmes and greater programmes and greater efficiency, these plans will enable the NHS to meet the have been irresponsible to argue growing pressures that it faces."

£70m on way for Rolls engine

A new version of the Rolls-Royce RB-211 jet engine, which powers aircraft like the Boeing 747 and whose cost brought the company to collapse in 1971, is to be backed by another £70m of repayable launch aid.

Confirming that in the Commons written answer yesterday. Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for industry, said that £60m would in spending on such services be sought in this year's winter this year was about £250m, the supplementary estimates and a this year was about £250m, the supplementary estimates and a Government is allowing for further £10m in 1984-85.

Nato 3% target growth to be abandoned

By Rodney Cowton. Defence Correspondent

Britain will abandon its target of achieving a real growth of 3 per cent a year in defence spending from 1986-87.

That was confirmed by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, who said that he had not argued for the existing commitment which ends in 1985-86 to be extended.

Britain had made a major effort to meet the spending target set by Nato. It would for the target to be continued indefinitely, Mr Heseltine said. If spending on the Falkland Islands was included, by the spring of 1985 defence spending would have risen by 21 per cent compared with 1978-79, if Falklands spending was excluded the growth would be 16 per

Mr Heseltine said that defence spending in the next financial year would rise by 3.5 per cent in real terms, although the Treasury puts the figure at "some 3 per cent", and would rise again by 3 per cent in 1985-

cent

next year, although as a proportion of total planned public spending its share has changed minimally, 13.45 per cent on the basis of yesterday's

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White Paper published last Mr Heseltine is thought to have argued for an increase of £200 to £300m above last for various technical factors, he

forecasts, as against 13.68 per cent in the Public Expenditure

has emerged with £168m less than those plans envisaged. He described that shortfall, equivalent to 1 per cent on a budget of £17bn, as being an extension of the £250m cuts

which were imposed by the Chancellor in July for the current financial year. In return, the Treasury has wanted to cut defence spending

made concessions. It certainly by more than the £168m and if has also agreed that should inflation be higher than the assumed rates of 3 per cent for pay and 5 per cent for other The Ministry of Defence ation" of the defence budget seems to have secured about with the higher inflation rates £400m less than it wanted for would be made.

Main points of the economic forecast

● Economic growth of 3 per cent this year 2,850,000 in 1983-84 and 1984-85 and next ● Inflation down to 4.5 per cent by Christmas, 1984, from 5 per cent at the end

of 1983, after peaking at about 5.5 per cent in spring, 1984 A zero balance of payments in 1984

Europe, in OPEC, and in many rising more slowly than prices, of the developing countries, leaving room for a sizeable activity and imports have recovery in profitability from fallen, in the process of an historically low base. At the

Output, demand and company, ment: in the UK, however, cent.

Borrowing: The PSBR in this 1983-84, looks output has been rising since 1981, as real domestic demand has recovered, helped by falls in like turning out higher than in 1983 is expected to be about 3 per cent higher than in 1982. The growth in domestic than the like turning out higher than expected at Budget time. This is despite the July 7 measures and parily reflects the same factors that caused higher than experhaps from 4 per cent in 1983, but a continued rise in 1984, but a forecast continued rise in 1984, but a continued rise in investment and a recovery in exports Strategy, a PSBR of 2½ per cent should sustain the growth in of GDP, or £8bn.

activity.

With world demand recovering, and the profitability of home supply increasing, the forecast is for UK output to grow by 3 per cent in 1984 and forecast is for UK output to grow by 3 per cent in 1984 and forecast is for UK output to grow by 3 per cent in 1984 and grow by 3 per cent in 1984 and forecast is for UK output to grow by 3 per cent in 1984 and grow by 3 per cent in 1984 and forecast subject to a wide margin of error, while outside manufacturing, employment is now rising. Unemployment may now be levelling off.

Fiscal projections: In the first seven months of 1983-84, the DCRP was just over £7bn; the

surplus in the first nine months monthly rate in the first half of expecting increased public bornext year as past favourable rowing this year.

With a recovery forecast for factors drop out of the compariexports, the current account son. These effects should outturn for 1982-83 and informay remain near balance in however be short-lived and the mation on likely spending this 1984. The forecast assumes that

1983-84, £2,000m more than forecast in the Budget, which is assumed for the time being A output and expenditure at constant 1980 priors

adjustment to international or national debt problems. World trade is only now beginning to recover after the fall of the last two years. Output, demand and employ- the current rate of about 5 per

financial year, 1983-84, looks forecast continues to assume, as in the Medium Term Financial

flected in the current account of Inflation prospects: Some fur- (average errors in PSBR forethe balance of payments, where a surplus of more than £5bn in index! perhaps to about 5½ per £2bn) but there are several 1982 has given way to a small cent, is expected for the 12-

Public sector borrowing of £10,000m in

A summary of the economic prospects for 1984 states:

World economy: A vigorous rise in activity in the US is not being matched elsewhere: in parts of Europe, in OPEC, and in many of the developing Constraint in OPEC, and in many of the developing Constraint in OPEC, and in many of the developing Constraint in OPEC, and in many of the developing Constraint in OPEC, and in many of the developing Constraint in OPEC, and in many of the exchange rate will not change much from recent levels. Inflation: This year has again seen a lower than expected rate of inflation in the UK. Costs are rising more slowly than prices. real take home pay rises and employment stops falling. The rise forecast for consumers' expenditure in 1984 reflects both a small further fall in

saving and a rise in real aftertax incomes. Demand and activity: As the UK and world recoveries become more firmly established the composition of final expenditure is expected to begin to shift away from personal consumption towards exports and

industrial investment.

Productivity and the labour market: As output growth is being consolidated, so the fall in employment seems to be end-ing manufacturing employment (which now accounts for about one quarter of total employment) has been declining more

for employment to rise.

Balance of payments: The main factor in the sharper growth of imports relative to exports since 1981 has been the recovery in domestic demand in the UK, ahead of most other industrial countries. This has been reflected in the current account of the sharper growth of the current account of the sharper growth of the payments:

Monetary policy: Monetary PSBR was just over f7bu; the policy in 1984-85 is assumed, total for the year as a whole is now projected at £10bn, some the most other industrial range for monetary growth of the current account of the current account of the current account of the sharper growth of the current account o

Economic prospects: summary Gross domestic pro Exports of goods and services Change in rate of stock-buildin as a p.c. of level of GDP imports of goods and services 1984 account (20n) C Retail prices index (4th quarter) Forecast includes effect of fiscal adjusment 1984-85

² Errors relate to average differences (on either side of central figure) between forecast and outturn. Errors are after adjustment for effects of major changes in fiscal policy, where excluded from forecast.

Public Sector Borrowing†			
	1982-83	1983-84	Ebn 1984-8
Gen govt expenditure Gen govt receipts	132	139	1457
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as percentage of GDP Money GDP at market prices	3¼ 282	31/4 305	21 329

Totals may not add due to rounding

year suggest less shortfall than allowed for in the GFSBR. In addition, debt interest payments are higher, partly because in both 1983-84 and 1984-85. of higher borrowing. On revenues, extra receipts from North Sea Oil seem likely to be broadly offset by lower receipts

Adopting the conventional assumptions of indexed tax rates, allowances and specific duties and taking a PSBR in 1984-85 of 21/2 per cent of GDP, equivalent to £8bn (as in the MTFS), this points to a negative fiscal adjustment, perhaps of the order of £1/2bn. Expenditure: General govern-

Revenue Revenue in 1984-5 is

projected on conventional assumptions of revalorization of the main direct tax allowance and thresholds, and of excise duties, using a figure of 5 per

Real GDP) average measure)

Lawson signals tax rises

diture in 1984-85 at the intended total of £126.4b. If that target is hit, it would mean that public spending, allowing for inflation, would be broadly the same as in the current financial year. So, as Mr Lawson claimed, public expen-diture "should continue to fall as a percentage of Gross Domestic easing from 42.5 per cent this year to 42 per cent in

Of the £2,000m increase now forecast for public borrowing this year over the £8.2b Budge target, three-quarters results from higher-than-planned spending and one-quarter from lower revenues, mostly local

The spending overshoot has been concentrated on four main programmes: the social security budget, where both take-up and benefit rates are higher than predicted; the cost of food price support under EEC rules; current spending by town halls and health and personal social services, chiefly in the cost of the family practitioner service.

All these programmes will cost more than orginally planned next year as well.

Housing, defence, the nationalized industries and trade industry and employment services have borne the brunt of the cuts needed next year to keep the overall planning total for public spending at the original figure of £126,400m.

The result will be cuts in home improvement grants and housing benefits for those on is forecast to grow by nearly 3 low incomes, increases in the per cent in 1983-84 and 1984-85. The geneal rate of inflation, per cent and 5 per cent as measured by the GDP respectively on latest estimate) deflator, is put at about 5 per cent in 1983-84 and 1984-85.



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Police face Ripper writ from mother

Yorkshire Ripper's thirteenth and final victim, has issued a writ against West Yorkshire police alleging in-competence in its failure to apprehend Peter Sutcliffe before

The High Court writ seeks damages against the chief constable. Mr Colin Sampson. Miss Jacqueline Hill, aged 21, a Leeds University student, was killed in the city three years ago

vesterday.

Mrs Hill, from Ormesby, near Middlesbrough, said that she would give any award to

Her solicitor, Mr Anelay Hart, said yesterday: "A protective writ has been issued to keep within the time limit. It has not been served yet but we have another year in which to do that."

Jones returns

Dr Robert Jones, aged 41, returned to his surgery yester-day on bail after being ques-tioned by detectives for three days about the death of Mrs Diane Jones, his third wife. He was arrested on Monday.

Author's divorce

Mr Quentin Crewe, aged 57, the author and food critic, and his third wife Susan, aged 34, are ending their marriage of 12 years, according to the latest list to be heard by the London

Falkland deal

A dispute which threatened a strike in the Falklands' wool industry, has been settled with an arbitrator's ruling in London that gives the Sheep Owners' Association's employees more than 70 per cent of a pay

South Africa

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The Chesterfield by-election

Labour unites against Benn the bogyman

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

There is a discreet sign over the central car park in Chesterfield which shows that unemplyment in the area is now 11,220. That includes 14.2 per cent of the male workforce, up from 9.6 per cent in the 1981 census report.

Such figures have become commonplace, but they help to explain the rich seam of anti Conservative feeling in a community that has all the trappings of market town prosperity.

The town, just three miles from the M1 and the gateway to the delights of the Derbyshire Peak District, is a happy compromise of history and development, from the four-

development, from the four-teenth century twisted steeple to 650,000 sq ft of industrial and trading estates.

The publicity Chesterfield is about to receive from the by-election caused by Mr Eric Varley's impending resignation from the Commons could be worth a great deal of tourist and development advertising.

Mr Varley's decision to leave the Commons at the end of the year to join the Coalite con-glomerate in neighbouring Bolsover has undoubtedly saddened many Labour Party members and voters in the

But some left-wingers also feel that the party may suffer from a double resentment in the by-election. The fact that Mr Varley should have contested the scat in June only to announce his retirement in November may, on past by-election form, provoke a sharp fall in turnout among Labour

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has declared his interest in

winning the Labour nomination

with the support of some influential union barons in the

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a formidable allianace between the Labour leadership at West-That handicap may aggravated by the suggestion that Coalite is not the most popular of local companies. minster and local ward delegates in Chesterfield who share the view that Mr Benn is the bogyman to be blamed for all having tarnished its image with controversial policies on the

and this year's general election.

Mr Benn has a chance of getting the Chesterfield nomi-nation, but he will have to take a calculated gamble on the town's independent-minded, middle-of-the-road Labour management committee. He may yet be advised that the risk of rejection is too great.

The Liberals have decided to choose the candidate they fielded in the 1979 and 1983 elections.

The Conservatives are also likely to choose the same candidate as at the general election this year. Those de-cisions could help to sway the Labour Party in favour of caution and a local replacement

One informed Labour source said in Chesterfield this week that if Mr Benn did win the nomination it would be entirely possible for the Liberal-Alliance to win the seat on a swing away from Labour and the Conserva-

On the figures for the past five general elections such predictions seem preposterous.

Labour achieved its lowest Chesterfield's twisted steeple. poll for 13 years last June, but still managed to win 48.1 per cent of the vote. The lowest and its role in the Falkland Conservative vote was 13,393, or 25.9 per cent of the poll in October, 1974, and the Tories Nevertheless. Labour would be hard pressed to lose the have a reputation for retaining constituency were it not for the fact that Mr Wedgwood Benn their basic support.

The Liberals appear to have reached a peak of just under 10,000 votes, about 20 per cent of turnout, in February, 1974, and last June. It would, therefore, appear that it would take a political carthouske to take a political earthquake to break Labour's hold on the

Cuts urged in Soviet share of **UK** cruises

By Michael Baily Transport Editor The Government is expected

to take a tough line in Anglo-Soviet talks next month over Soviet ships that built up their share of the UK cruise market while British ships — the Canberra, QE2, and Uganda — were away in the Falklands last

year.
Commercial talks with Soviet lines have failed to produce the required cut-back, P & O and Cunard said yesterday and without government action Britain's home-based cruise fleet could eventually be forced out of business with loss of jobs and serious implications for defence and the balance of payments.

Soviet ships built up their share of UK cruisng capacity from about 15 per cent in 1979 to 40 per cent this year, and the British lines want a reduction to the 1979 level. All that the Soviet lines have agreed to so far is a 6 per cent cut to 34 per cent next year. The British companies say that it is now up to the Government.

"Years of experience in dealing with the Russians has proved that commercial negotiations do not produce results unless the western companies are seen to have the full support of their government who wil be prepared to act where necessary". Dr Rodney Leach, P & O director for cruising, said yesterday.

With prices at about £700 for fortnight's Mediterranean cruise, compared with £1,400 by Cunard or P&O, the Soviet ships are heavily subsidized, Dr Leach said: "We calculate that the Russians earned about £10m from their UK operations last year, but it would cost any western owner at least £18m just to carry out the programme, using the cheapest ships and seamen they could

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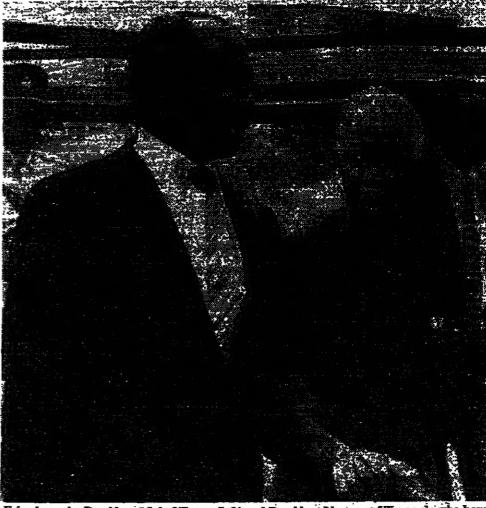
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Friends again: President Moi of Kenya (left) and President Nyerere of Tanzania who have settled their financial differences.

Tanzania reopens land border with Kenya after six years

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

The 500-mile land border allow resumption of normal travellers have had to fly via a traffic, the original closure opened yesterday a few hours after the Presidents of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda had agreed on a settlement of financial matters arising from the collapse of the East African Community more than six years ago.

Journalists returning here allow resumption of normal travellers have had to fly via a third country.

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The border reopening follows the signing late on Wednesday of an agreement to share the assets of the former Community Kenya and Tanzania are to pay fizze and Tanzania and tourist trade will benefit considerably. ago.
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Kenya and Tanzania are to pay f128m (with Kenya paying the bigger share) to Uganda in recognition of the fact that it inherited more community assets than Uganda

agreed to share out the com-munity's unpaid debts, again with Kenya contributing most.

Japan clears decks for December poll

From Richard Hanson, Tokyo

After more than a month of critical in Mr Nakasone's political deadlock, leaders of election as president of the Japan's ruling Liberal Demo- LDP, and hence Prime Minisfor a December general election, a fight which Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, would probably prefer to put off warily. He is said to prefer to put off warily. He is said to prefer to put off warily. He is said to prefer to put off warily.

ment and call an election appears almost certain. The most likely date is December

In extending the current session until November 28, the ruling party reached a compromise with the opposition, which has boycotted Parliament since last month's believe consistent. last month's bribery conviction of Mr Kakuci Tanaka, the

former Prime Minister. This cleared the way for the Lower House to pass key tax cuts and other legislation and send it to the Upper House, where opposition parties have agreed to vote. The opposition had demanded dissolution of Parliament in exchange for cooperation. It hopes to take advantage of anti-Tanaka senti-

ment.

Paradoxically, the strongest pressure for dissolution and an early election came from the ruling party's powerful Tanaka faction, which fears that delay would have its changes.

ould hurt its chances. With Tanaka loyalists oc-cupying key party and Cabinet positions, Mr Nakasone's room for manocuvre has been limited. His attempts to persuade Mr Tanaka to resign, thus ending the political stalemate, proved futile. Only a year ago, Mr Tanaka's support was

under increasing pressure from the Government led by General Alfredo Stroessper, who won

One of its journalists, Senor

Alcibiades Delvalle, who is also

secretary of the national journalists union, has been

neld incomunicado in prison for the past 55 days, although not

charged with anything, and another, staff journalist, Senor Gustavo Driedman, fled to

Brazil in October, after taking

refuse in the Venezuelan Em-

The owner and editor, Senor Aldo Zucolillo, was imprisoned for 12 days in June, along with

members of the Paraguayan Data Bank, an independent

information collecting service

supported by the Church.
Distribution of the ABC has been interfered with by the

Government, and supplies of

The Paraguayan economy is

experiencing increasing prob-lems, with imports running at twice the rate of exports, and the \$700m (£466m) of reserves

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Paraguay journalist held without charge From Patrick Knight, São Paulo

until calmer days.

A decision to dissolve Parlis
January, but publicly is still uncommitted to a date.

His party is certain to lose some ground in the Lower House, where it holds an absolute majority as a result of an unexpectedly big win in the last general election. At that time, the LDP benefited from sympathy over the sudden death of Masayoshi Ohira, their

Prime Minister. The election will probably see the ruling party reduced from its bloated majority of 286 seats in the 511-member Lower House. If the party wins at least 270 seats, the outcome will be deemed a victory for Mr Nakasone. He will then stay in office with a much stronger

His personal popularity has been boosted by a successful visit last week from President Reagan. Whether that will help the party, however, is question

If the LDP total falls below 270, it could spell trouble. A loss of 10 to 15 seats seems likely. Whatever happens, Mr

Tanaka's faction is likely to Mr Tanaka resigned from the LDP in 1976 after being charged with taking bribes from Lockheed Corporation to influen

devaluation, the introduction of

income tax, and the policing of trade, more than half of which

involves smuggling into and

from, Brazil, Argentina and If the shrinking of reserves continues at the present rate, something other than arresting

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a deal with East -Berlin -

After a year of haggling, West and East Germany have reached agreement on new postal communications which will make it easier for East Germans to dial directly across

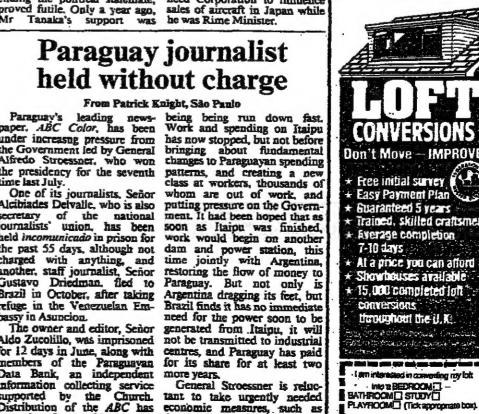
Boon will increase its annual payments to East Berlin for from DM85m (£21m) to DM
200m. East Germany was
demanding DM 300m, and a
compromise was reached after
postal ministers met in Geneva.

East Berlin has also promised to deliver mail from the West more promptly. Losses specially of parcels from West Germans to relatives in the East will be cut, direct dialling gradually introduced and more telex and telephone lines in-

Meanwhile, Dr Otto Graf ambsdorff, the West German Economic Minster, who eading a trade delegation to Moscow, has announced that the Soviet Union agreed to restore direct dialling to the Federal Republic for German businessmen in Moscow. In spite of Western protests, the Russians abolished direct dial-ling in and out of their country

jobs have been created in the process. possibly the most ambitious development

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Sudan rebels free

two Britons but

still hold hostages

Sudan, but nine other foreign workers are still being held.

The Britons, who were working for US companies subcontracted to Chevron Oil,

were apparently released without Army intervention. No conditions were set for their

release by the rebels. They are

Mr Charles Dowman, a road construction superintendent working for Reading and Bates Construction, and Mr John

Wood, a surveyor with Petty Ray Geophysical. They had been seized on Tuesday night.

some 15 miles south of the

on building Jonglei Canal. The

seven were seized 130 miles south of Sobat, canal head-

quarters, in Jonglei province.

After the Turkish Cypriot UDI

Kyprianou asks Britain to take harder line against secession

Mrs Thatcher to take a harder line against the newly declared Turkish Republic of North Cyprus and against Turkey which Mr Kyprianou sees as its backet.

Cyprus is working with nonaligned nations on an alterna-tive draft statement for discussion at the emergency session of the UN and its urging the inclusion of sanctions against the secessionist state.

Britain has become the centre of the diplomatic vortex created by the secession. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, is expected to see Mr Ilter Turkmen, the Turkish Foreign

President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus met Mrs Margaret Thatcher last night during a stoppover visit to London on his way to the United Nations in New York.

It is understood that he urged Mrs Thatcher to take a harder line against the newly declared Turkish Republic of North Cyprus and against Turkey which Mr Kyprianou sees as its Republic of Cyprus".

Meanwhile both Greece and Turkey have assured Britain that they respect the Cyprus Treaty of Guarantee of 1960 the guarantors of Cypriot

could not agree because Turkey had recognized the newly declared state. Greece has suggested instead that Britain should act as intermediary.

ra's views but he added that it would have been more reasonable if Britain had made its call for talks before issuing an official statement and before which made the two and Britain applying to the United Nations Security Council,
"Nevertheless we have in-

However Turkey has agreed formed Britain of our readiness to attend talks with Britain for consultations envisaged by while Greece has said that it the guarantee treaty."

He said it was out of the question for Turkey to withhold diplomatic recognition of the newly declared state when Turkish Cypriots annouced Minister in London today. On Greece has also announced they had achieved the statehood Wednesday Mr Rauf Denktas that it is breaking off the Greek-denied them for 20 years.



All is quiet at the Ledra Palace checkpoint, where the Green Line runs between the lush gardens of the Greek Ambassador's residence and the Goethe Institute.

Forty-eight hours after the Turkish Cypriots proclaimed an independent state, the border which has divided the two communities for more years than either cares to remember, remained open, as usual, to

foreigners only. Some Greek Cyproit schoolgirls on their way to German language courses calmiy crossed into no-man's-land, past the concrete roadblock painted in the Greek colours, blue and white, and displaying the patriotic motto "liberty or

If there is any tension here, it is not obvious. Except, of course, for the hosts of Journalists waiting their turn to go across to find out if Greek nd Turks are likely to go on

the warpath again.
On the Turkish Cypriot side, past indifferent Greek and Turkish sentries, the red and white swing bar went up to admit a steady flow of UN vhicles serving the multinational peacekeeping force, or

their offices in the Greek Sections.

On a bench opposite the Turkish police but a middleaged Turkish Cypriot woman sunned herself, knitting a pullover as she waited for her sister, a cancer patient. She was eventually brought in a UN ambulance after being discharged from a hospital on the Greek side. "Some facilities are better there", the woman

Otherwise contacts between the two communities are minimal, and what the British Government now ponderously calls "the purported secession by the Turkish Cypriots is likely to reduce them even

The Green Line may divide a pattern of national colours and loyalties, but it is the mutual mistrust and resentment that has created the gulf. A dominant sign just inside

the Turkish sector points the way to the "Museum of Barbarism", where Turkish Cypriots try to Illustrate their

partition already

mation of independence necessary? Dr Kenan Atakol, a UStrained civil engineer whose official title is "Foreign Minis-ter of the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus", says: "Don't you think that 20 years of feeling like a foreign tourist in your own island is enough?"

The two sides share more than driving on the left-hand side of the road, a feature from the British. High above the checkpoint the power lines show that northern Cyprus still relies on the south for its

Mr Andreas Christofidis, the Cyprus Government spokes-man, was asked if, after secession, the power would be cut off. "We are considering all possible options", he said. But Dr Atakol said: "They

have no right to cut off our electricity. The power stations were built with aid granted on condition that they serve both

The threat, however, is a serious one. The Turks could retaliate by cutting off Nico-sia's fresh water supply, which comes from the north, but the Greek Cypriots claim that they could manage without.



Athens summit: Before leaving for London yesterday, President Kyprianou of Cyprus (left) met Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister.

Nazi may be tried in Israel

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Israel is pressing ahead with Treblinka guard. He said it was to be living in America cannot controversial legal moves to Israeli policy never to reveal the be tried there, but they can be hold the first trial of an alleged identities of those whose dedeported on the basis of Nazi war criminal here since 1961 when Adolf Eichmann was convicted of crimes against humanity and later hanged at a jail near Tel Aviv.

for divorce

Toronto (Reuter) - Margaret

Trudeau yesterday filed a

petition for divorce from her

estranged husband, Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime

Minister, her lawyer said. The

couple have been separated for

more than six years, and Mrs

Trudeau now works as a hostess on a television show. She is

hoping to marry an Ottawa

Turks acquitted

Ankara (Reuter) - Two Turkish journalists from the right-wing Tercuman, who faced up to eight years' imprisonment on charges of insulting the military Govern-

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ment, were acquitted by an Istanbul military court.

Johannesburg (AFP) - Six black miners were killed in an accident 11,500ft below the

surface in an Anglo-American

Corporation gold mine at Carleton ville, near here.

Mine disaster

The Government is believed to have recently taken formal steps to secure the extradition from the US of a former SS guard now working as a motor mechanic who was known to Jewish inmates of Poland's notorious Treblinka death camp, as "Ivan the Terrible" when he operated the gas chambers there.

The suspected war criminal is Ukrainian who, according to Israeli sources, has been living in Cleveland, Ohio, since entering America in 1953. He is one of 200 alleged Nazi war criminals known to be living in the US, at least 10 of whom the Likud Government is hoping to put on trial in Jerusalem.

Justice Ministry spokesman, they asked for political asylum. refused to confirm or deny that Twelve civilians have defected extradition proceedings were across the Czechoslovak border being sought against the former so far this year.

portation was being demanded until they were under arrest.

But he did confirm that the
Government regard it as "an

historical obligation" to try to bring Nazi criminals to justice. "We do not intend to forget", he said. Legal work was under way to bring an unspecified number of the 200 suspected second world war criminals back from the US to Israel.

alleged Nazi war criminals can be tried before a panel of judges in Israel, where there are no jury trials, for holocaust crimes committed in any "bostile country". Those discovered by the US Justice Department's

Czechs defect Munich (AP) - Two Czechoslovak lumberjacks fled across Mr Yitzhak Feinberg, the the border into Bavaria where

deported on the basis of supplying misleading infor-mation when they sought naturalization.

The difficulty facing the Reagan Administration was finding a country prepared to take those former Nazis it was anxious to expel. Israel agreed in prinicple two years ago, but until now no action has been taken because the authorities were determined to build up a Under a law passed in 1950, water-tight case before initiating

extradition proceedings.

If a trial was to go ahead without a solid case, Israel could be in the embarrassing position of having Nazis found not guilty ending up living there. That is an impossible Office of Special Investigations thought", Mr Feinberg said.

Peking fashion

Peking (Reuter) - Girls who wear make-up and fasionable clothes should not be accused of pursuing a bourgeois way of life, the China Youth News said in a strong rejection of party "ideological contamination".

Two Britons working in dent Nimeiry's visit to Paris, Sudan were released unharmed and the President announced yesterday by rebels in southern both incidents at a press

conference in Paris
The rebels, who claimed allegiance to the Sudanese People's Liberation Front, have made several demands which are more political than practi-cal. These include the lifting of Islamic law, imposed on September 8, the freeing of all political detainees and their safe

passage to Libya.
They have also demanded the halting of canal construction, of the pipeline project which is due to make Sudan a petroleum exporter by 1986, and the stopping of exploration by the French company, Total,

They were working on preparation of a site for drilling Both areas have been particu-larly prone to rebel activity in former Chevron headquarters at Bentiu in Bahr el Ghazal. canal workers always enjoyed a Those still in captivity are tacit understanding that they would not be troubled. Chevseven Frenchmen and two Pakistanis, all technicians or ron, too, had a modus vivendi engineers working for a French firm, CCI (Compagnie des Constructions Internationales), with various local people,

The seizure of the Britons can, therefore, be taken as a warning, but the Jonglei attack may have a different meaning. Informed sources believe the two cases may not be directly related.

Romanians facing meat shortages

From Our Correspondent

There will be more meat shortages next year. President Ceausescu warned Romanians in an interview in Scinteia, the

party paper.

Over the past two years, Romania has increased exports of meat to the West and the Middle East in an effort to reduce its debts. Next year the debts must be reduced by a quarter, Mr Ceausescu said.

Although meat is not yet rationed in Bucharest, it is difficult to find. Outside the capital, the monthly ration is 1kg (2.2lb) a head.
This and other shortages

have produced a flourishing black market. The President said he would not tolerate speculators. Those who traded illegally were "engaging in one of the most dangerous forms of counter-revolutionary activity". Mr Ceausescu was optimistic

about the future of the econ-

omy. Industrial production was

up by 6.6 per cent he said.

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She said in a public speech that rabid communal forces, bent on dividing the country's mity, were behind the Yatra.

She added that it would sow the

seeds of distrust and sharpen

the fears of the minority

Hindu astrologers also managed to bring about a change in the Queen's pro-

gramme. She was due to arrive

at the ceremonial reception at

Deibl airport promptly at noon, but this was judged on analysis

is travelling taxied up to the red

carpet at five minutes past

The Queen was greeted at

Soviet threat to break off both series of arms talks in Geneva

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

talks on strategic arms reduction (Start) as well as those on intermediate missiles in

Pershing 2 were regarded by the talks. Soviet Union not only as Jane's Defence Review said European missiles but also as yesterday that the Soviet Union us think to what extent the Start talks are connected with INF." Mr Zagladin, who is deputy would have a range of 1,500 head of the Central Committees miles and was largely based on international information described with School described with the School described international information de-partment, said the Soviet-US talks in Geneva were "on the

is up to the Americans". The collapse of the INF talks was bound to have a "negative impact" both on Start and on the Vienna talks on mutual and balanced force reduction

SPD likely

to oppose

deployment

From Michael Binyon

Social Democrats today begin

i special congress at which they

tre expected to vote over-whelmingly against deployment of new Nato missiles in this

country, thus ending the long-

standing political consensus on

Helmut Schmidt, one of the

principal architects of the 1979

Nato twin-track decision, is

Herr Willy Brandt, the party

chairman, has already declared

The SPD vote, reflecting

widespread opposition to the

Nato missiles throughout West

Germany, does not affect the

Covernment's determination to

suck to its Nato commitments.

expected to speak out strongly

in favour.

his opposition.

former chancellor

West German security policy.

cently suggested that the start talks could continue even if the INF debate was broken off, and The official Mr Vadim British and French missiles
Zagladin told a press conference could be included in an in Moscow that cruise and expanded version of the Start

strategic weapons. "Deploy- would develop its own submarment of these Nato weapons ine-launched cruise missile next will, therefore, change the year followed by ground-laun-strategic balance and will make ched and bomber-launched versions. The Soviet cruise code-named the SSNX21

Mr Zagladin denied that the lalks in Geneva were on the brink of breakdown. Failure at Geneva would be entirely the fault of the US, he added.

Asked if the breakdown would be permenant or temporary Mr Zaeladin replied: "That coming "cold December" reference to Moscow's snowy weather – would be matched by an increasingly chilly inter-

In a leading article today,

A senior Soviet official (MBFR), as well as on the released in advance by Tass, vesterday hinted that Moscow Helsinki process.

Pravada accuses the US of would walk out of the Geneva

Societ and the process of the playing with numbers at Geneva in the vain hope of deceiving public opinion.

> • GENEVA: "They are continuing, yes". Mr Paul Nitze, the US delegate in the INF talks said yesterday with a smile on returning to his office afer a 2 hours 13 minutes meeting at the Soviet diplomatic mission further up the optimistically named Avenue de la Paix (Alan McGregor writes).

negotiations also included yes-terday a two-and-a-half hour-session between US and Soviet delegations in the parallel Start talks. Incidentally, they talked for nearly three hours on Tuesday when their INF counterparts were in and out in a hare 35 minutes.

The next meetings on Tuesday (Start) and Wednesday (INF) are, by Soviet indications, liable to be the last. The West German Bundsestag deployment debate, on Monday and Tuesday, is expected to be followed immediately by the arrival in West Germany of the first Pershing 2s.

Mitterrand says missile crisis worst since 1962

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

crisis is the most serious the world has known since Berlin in 1948 and Cuba in 1962, President Mitterrand said during a wide-ranging television interview on defence and international affairs.

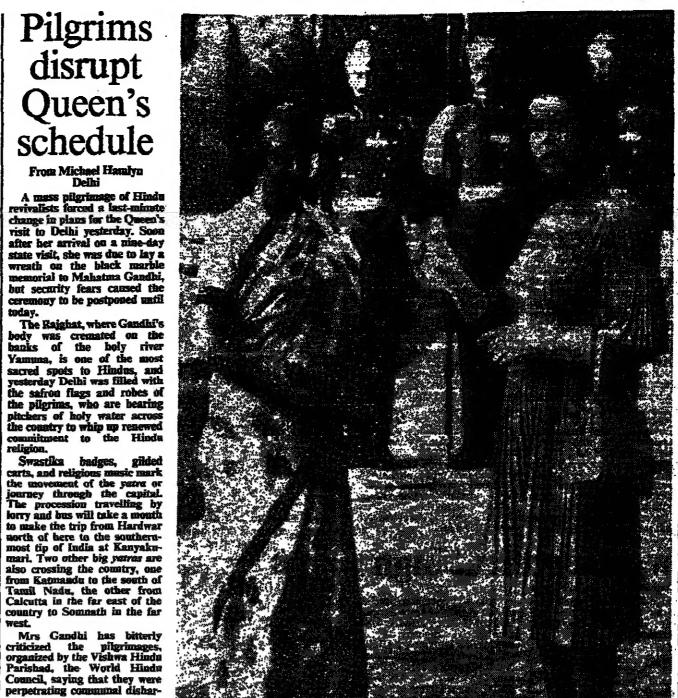
The French public has good reason to be concerned, but that did not mean they should lose their sangiroid. The previous crises had been overcome and the present one must be mastered in its turn.

To do that, a number of conditions were necessary, starting with the balance of forces between East and West. France's refusal to have its France was in favour of the nuclear force included in the reduction of arms to their Geneva talks. There was no lowest possible level, but only if a balance of forces was preserved. "Without that balance, war is at our very doors."

The Nato missile deployment lieved the Russians would break off the Geneva arms talks the moment the first Pershing 2 missiles were deployed in West Germany. France would do all it could to ensure the rupture was not permanent; it was imperative to go on negotiating.

"I think that the leaders of the two superpowers are wise enough to grasp at every opportunity, because they do not want war", he said. He believed the Soviet leaders were primarily concerned with the interests of their own people, of the auguries to be an inauspicious moment. Accordingly the British Airways
Tristar in which the royal party pointing out that 20 million Russians died in the last war. M Mitterrand reiterted

question of France taking part the foot of the aircraft steps by the President of India, Mr Giani Zail Singh, resplendent in a snowy white turban, his in any arms reduction talks until the two superpowers had ar is at our very doors." agreed to a "considerable M Mitterrand said he be-reduction" in their arsenals.



Women of power: The Queen, on the first day of her Indian tour, talks to Mrs Gandhi outside the presidential palace.

daughter Dr Gurdeep Kaur, and Mrs Ghandhi. She drove in a black bulletproof Mercedes - security precautions having been intensified here since the bomb explosion killed South Korean visitors in Burma - to the Rashtrapati Bhayan, the President's palace.

The route was decorated by 25ft high photographs of berself and the Duke of Edinburgh and arches of marigolds and jasmine spanned it. At the Rashtrapatt Bhavan she called formally on the President, and in turn was called on by Mrs Gandhi. At a Glittering state banquet

last aight the Queen told guests that Britons were well placed to recognize India's contributions to world civilization, and she praised India's success in the revolotion" and in "дтеел

We share a wealth common values and common interests," she said. "A devotion to democratic ideals and to the institutions which maintain them, strong industrial and commercial links, and in Britain today a thriving community of people of Indian origin who make such a full

Earlier, as the Queen and Prince Pillip left Dhaka on the way to Delhi there were further reminders of the Queen's moving visit on Wednesday to a save the children fund centre. She told the British Director. Mr Tony Hickmans: "I hope all goes well for your centre."

French left to iron out differences at summit

From Diana Geddes Paris

The leaders of the Commu-nist and Socialist parties are to meet on December 1 to sort out differences which have become embarrassingly apparent. It is the first such meeting for more than a year. The Communists insist that there is no question of their leaving the Govern-

Speculation about their in-tentions is rife again, however, as a result of the spectacular resignation of M Georges Vallon, a leading member of the Communist Party's central. committee, as president of the state-owned national coal

His resignation came on the eve of the parliamentary debate on next year's budget which includes plans to limit state aid. to the crisis-ridden coal industry to its present level of 6.8 billion francs (£565m), mean-

billion francs (£565m), meaning a large cut in real terms.

M. Vaihou said that Goverament plans would lead to a substantial fall in coal production, closure of still workable pits, and the loss of thousands of jobs. When he was appointed by the Socialist Government two years ago, the Government had promised to "reactivate" the coal industry, increase production by 50 per cent by 1980, and provide more jobs. reversing the steady jobs, reversing the steady decline over the preceding 2

The Government has no totally abandoned its earlier expansionist policies. It was widely believed that M Valbon's departure had the full approval of the Communist full approval of the Communist leadership. But the party has sought to play down its significance, insisting that it was a purely personal decision.

The Communists have been playing an increasingly blatant double act over the past few treather.

months. They openly criticized government policies, while continuing to protest their total solidarity with the government and support for the 1981 pact between Socialists and Com-munists, which formed the basis of the latter's participation in the Government. The Communists insist that

the forthcoming "summit" between the two parties has been called to "examine the means for a counter-offensive against the right", rather than to measure the extent of their differences which they maintain are minimal. The Socialists disagree, claiming that Communist criticisms are undermining the Governments

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Ahmed, head of Political and Information Bureau in UK and lreland

PARTIES AND FORCES of The Sudanese People's Grouping call on the Sudanese masses to hold fast to their cause and to be cautious and vigilant towards what is looming in the dark and to escalate the struggle to attain a general political strike and popular uprising.

In the morning of the third of the current month, the head of the Authoritarian Dictatorial Regime announced in a lengthy speech addressed to the leading body of his party, his interpretation of the democracy of the May Regime and the regional governing programme. He stressed in his speech on the so called prompt Justice, that Justice which has been out of function for more than three months. Then he gave an explicit account of his efforts to reform the deteriorating economic situation and the steps taken to ease and soothe the sufferings of the people, despite the gloomy reflections of the economic crisis on the position of the national economy. He of course did not skip giving details of the international conspiracies against his stable and well founded regime.

A regime that is never shaken by the sufferings of the people and growing burdens of the economic crisis on millions of farmers, workers and employees. He ignored categorically the political isolation engulfing his regime, the

power failures in the capital for over three continuous weeks, the division of the society into two classes - a limited minority enjoying all luxury of life and an overwhelming majority left to starve, only surviving under the poverty line.

Although, he admits that the sufferings of our people these days need no leaflets to publicize them. vet. he is powerless and unable to take any measures to eliminate them, other than to wait for mother nature to flood the land with petsol, then the national economy will receive a boost that would take it out of the intensive care unit. The speech was an illustration to the land and all feelings towards the masses of people and their daily sufferings. A class that no longer cares, other than the care to remain in power, to defend its interests and to congest wealth, along with interests of its local and foreign allies.

In such circumstances of spreading isolation, mounting crisis and lack of time and space to manoeuvre, no other avenue is left open to the ruling class, but to fall in bondage of foreign power and to confront the growing forces of popular opposition by fire and intimidation. The national economy has been handed over to be administered by the INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND and behind it the group of Paris and London club. Their decisions top those of Nemeiry and his ministers, the Minister of the Finance Ibrahim Moneim and the Governor of the Central Bank Farouk Al Magboul. The regime threw itself in the open arms of the RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE and called for the AMERICAN AWACS to provide protection in the face of popular fury. The regime converted itself into a horse of Troy to the American imperialism in Africa and the Arab World and dragged our country to the arena of international conflicts, in a way that threatens its national independence and unity.

The speech of the Head of the dictatorial regime about international conspiracies is nothing

PARTIES AND FORCES OF: THE SUDANESE PEOPLE'S GROUPING Unionist Democratic Party, Umma Party - Ansar Imam El Hadi El Mahdi. Ba'ath Arab Socialist Party (Sudan Branch) Sanu Party - South Sudan.

Regional Grouping in North and South of Sudan National Independent Personalities.

but a pretext to justify falling in the grip of American influence, thus pulling the Sudan into the arena of international conflicts, in a desperate attempt to fiddle the cards, misguide the masses and fog its vision. What is taking place in our country is as clear as daylight, it is a bitter and a long fight between a ruling junta of no ethics and the masses of the Sudanese people, who are waging a glorious struggle to preserve their national identity and independence and who are keen to keen their country far away from the vicious circle of international conflicts, colonial influence and to restore democracy and to diminish all laws restricting the exercise of fundamental freedoms. It is a fight between two contradicting factions. But victory will be for the people, as outlined in the manifesto of Forces and Parties of The Sudanese People's Grouping, formed in Khartoum during the January 1982 popular uprising and which basically adopts the policies of organising the masses in preparation for civil commotion and popular uprising to eradicate the dictatorial authoritarian regime and to establish a democratic independent substitute.

General Nemeiry says: He who stops going to work, will have to stop forever. We say nothing is new, but it only reflects a true image of the General's political isolation and his appalling insistence to remain in power, even if it means reducing the Sudan into a rubble. On the other hand, it reflects a counter image of a widening front of popular uprising following the accomplishment of the task of civil commotion. Therefore, we count Nemeiry's threats as nothing but powerless intimidation that is bound to collapse at the foot of the giant popular movement, This is proved by the victorious Judges of the Sudan in their glorious stand that forced the regime to concede defeat, draw back its decisions and comply with numerous requests, on top of which to reinstate those dismissed, to sack the Chief Justice, to amend the law of the Supreme Judiciary Council and other considerable gains. They are still keeping momentum and launching the struggle to secure independence of the Judiciary System, the rule of law and to abrogate all exceptional laws.

Nothing equals the dictatorial regime's isolation from the people's cause, other than its isolation from the soldiers and officers of our armed forces, despite Nemeiry's odd insinuation's that his guarantor to rule is the backing of the armed forces. Yet, soldiers and officers uprising against the dictatorial rule continued through the years and the most recent one was cracked down on the 28/8/83 with the arrest of several officers of the armoured corps. Such attitude is quite familiar to the Sudanese army, as it has always taken the people's side, particularly, during the great October revolt, when the army rejected to support General Abboud's military regime. Now it is proved beyond doubt that military coups lead to nowhere but closed alleys, as it is parallel now with the 25th May coup, which ended in conflict with the people's aspirations and fell ultimately in the bondage of foreign domination.

Nemeiry and his dictatorial regime kept on bargaining with our people's aspirations and hopes and converted them into empty slogans. He bargained in his early days with socialism, democracy. development, South Sudan cause, national unity, solidarity and Arab unity etc.... Today he bargains with the people's holy religion and Islamic Shari'a for sake of cheap, political gains, in an attempt to overcome his isolation and to misguide the masses in order to distract them from their basic cause.

Thereby, the Forces and Parties of Sudanese People's Grouping call upon the masses of workers, farmers, employees, students, merchants, soldiers and officers to hold fast to their basic cause in restoration of democracy and decent living and keep the vigilance to confront what is looming in the dark and to consolidate the struggle on the way to public civil commotion and popular uprising to eradicate the dictatorial authoritarian regime and to establish an independent democratic substitute.

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Geoffrey Smith

A single event can some times suddenly sour relations between a government and the press. So it was with the Macmilian government and the Vassall tribunal. So it was with the Wilson government and the D-notice affair. So now it seems to be with the Reagan Adminis-

tration and Grenada.
It might be thought that the Grenada operation has raised more substantial issues than the exclusion of all the news media from covering the in-vasion. But one would hardly believe so from reading many American newspapers and magazines, and talking to a number of American journalists over the past fortnight.

There is a burning sense of indignation, the strength of which takes even me as a journalist by surprise as I travel around the United States. It is clearly causing the Administration a good deal of anxiety.

complaints: that journalists were deliberately misled by official spokesmen right up to official spokesmen right up to the moment when the invasion was launched; that they were not allowed to be present on the beaches to witness the operation as it occurred; and that the suggestion from the Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, that it was necessary to keep them away to save lives was both inaccurate and insulting.

It is the last two of these grievances that have caused the most resentment because they appear to challenge the historic role of the journalist to be where the action is. That is how war correspondents have always risked their lives and

made their names. The indignation does not seem to be felt by the press evenly across the country, nor to be shared by the general public. It is most intense among the Washington press corps, in a few leading newspapers and

may, on principle, have a certain resentment on behalf of his profession, but nobody would have sent him near the beaches anyway.

The outraged are, however, the most politically influential members of the news media in the country. If this coulars their whole attitude to the Reagan Administration, could be a serious matter for the President and his col-

Why, then, has such a clash been allowed to develop? One ossible explanation is that the possible explanation is that the White House simply made a misjudgment under the pressure of the moment. Certainly it is easy to find members of the Administration who believe that athey blandered. But I do not believe that this was just a momentary miscaalculatio. It was the product of a deeper mistrust that has built up between the American press and successive administrations

in recent years. This is the legacy of Watergate and Vietnam. The Administration did not risk telling any journalist in advance about the imminence of the invasion because it did not believe that the secret would be

kept.
The real reason why the press, and more important, the cameras, were not allowed to cover the landing was that the Administration was afraid of the impact of their reporting back home. It is part of the conventional wisdom in the United States these days that the Vietnam war was lost largely because the sight of bloodshed on their screens night after night undermined the resolve of the American

Mrs Thatcher, it is believed in Washington, drew the right conclusion by keeping war correspondents under wraps during the Falklands war. And the Reagan Administration is determined to do likewise. But in fact, it went further.

The degree of bitterness has gone well beyond the normal, healthy adversarial spirit between government and press. It will ultimately, I suspect, be damaging to both sides. The press, while nursing a justified grievance, is liable to lose public confidence by creating the impression that it is too ed with its own interests. The Administration is liable to find that it has incurred the lasting wrath of the very people who must interpret its words and actions to the public.

It is this second danger which is likely to have the most mmediate effect, which explains why a number of members of the Administration are groping for some means of restoring the old relationship. They know that it would not be the smartest politics to have a running feud with the press as they go into election year.

Civilians step in as sun sets on the 'sweat boxes' of Point Salines

The sweat boxes have gone. The tent prison-cells are down, the inmates have been handed the inmales have been handed over to civil guards at Richmond Hill jail. The United States military has closed down the place where the People's Revolutionary Army, dishanded and disgraced, was questioned one by one by the American invaders.

The sweat boxes stood in full blast of the sun with appertures

blast of the sun with appertures in each thin wall for air and a flag for the occupant to flutter at his military guards should he

They were what the Americans called isolation facilities, ten in all, constructed on the spot at Point Salines airport soon after the US and Caribbean troops landed. They were bean troops landed. They were used for prisoners who were reluctant to come clean, or for those who caused trouble.

Rarely was a man kept in one for more than 24 hours but the very existence of the 10ft by 10ft plywood prisons, each with a single foam mattress, was not learnt with approval back home. On Tuesday at 4 pm Grenada ceased to have an army-run jail.

in all, 1.130 people associated with the People's Reviutionary Army or the militia were processed-through Point Salines. Most had surrendered arriving at Pearls airport in the to the Americans under an

released on Wednesday. Only 40 have been transferred to the once infamous Richmond Hill prison, overlooking St George's avoid controversy. Last Mon-from a hill close to the Cuban day week they set up a US Embassy.

Army claims office in a disused

Embassy. Arm Some are awaiting further shop questioning, others expect to be charged eventually with looting or with offences relating to or with offences relating to abuses of power while they had it. With all legal processes in Grenada in abeyance, they may have a long wait, although the new interim Government has the civilian Government is, as wet barely functioning. within a month about what to do with people imprisoned without being charged. Richmond Hill is guarded by

policemen and prison officers. Of the 24 United States military policemen on the island six are based at the prison but none is involved in guard duties. American Army loudspeaker

pairols continue to roam the country roads urging any unverted Revolutionary Army figure and any lone Cuban still fighting a lost battle, to give themselves up.

The withdrawal of the Ameri-

can Army from the life of Grenada is proving to be a slow process. The soldiers are still ubiquitous on the streets and in Point the countryside and civilians arriving at Pearls airport in the north of the country have their passports checked first by an amounting to £16,000.



Free woman: A happy Ms Ginny Foat, the California feminist leader, after her acquittal in Louisiana of murdering an Argentine businessman 18 years ago. The

Report of shot at Andropov ridiculed

President Brezhnev, had shot and wounded President Andropov were greeted here yester-day with derision and disbelief by Soviet officials, Western diplomats and long-serving Kremlin watchers.

A spokeswoman at the Ministry of Foreign Trade, where Mr Brezhnev is First Deputy Minister, said that he was working as usual at his desk. Western European diplomats said that he had last week received foreign visitors and had been "usual amiable and

competent self".

The Daily Express reported im London yesterday that Mr Brezhnev had shot Mr Andropov in the arm during a confrontation in the Kremita. The report quoted "KGB sources in Moscow", although the Daily Express does not have a correspondent in the Soviet

"What an extraordinary idea" one of The Times own informed official sources said in amusement and amazement. "Absolute nonsense. And you can quote me on that".

Mr Andropov's prolonged absence from public view – he has not been seen since mid-August - has given rise to numerous rumours. Some more reliable than others. He is

kidney operation.

Because of the lack of information from the Kremlin, rumours proliferate.

What is true is that some of the Brezhnev family have daughter, Galina was closely connected with a series of corruption scandals which typified the decay of the last Brezhnev years and were ruthlessly investigated by Mr Andropov when he was head of the KGR After Mr Andropov the KGB. After Mr Andropov came to power she and her husband, Lieutenant-General

Yuri Churbanov, were exiled from Moscow to Murmansk. The Times has learned that

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Mrs Churbanov recently approached. Mr Andropov and

asked for permission to return
to Moscow. Mr Andropov is
reported to have refused but
assured her that the Brezhnev

family resuld that the Brezhnev family would not be victimized, and that privileges such as access to dachas (country homes), official cars and special shops would not be

Sources said the fact that Mr Yari Brezhnev - who has been Deputy Foreign Trade Minister since 1976 - was still in office supported this, although his long-term future was in doubt.

The fact that President Brezhnev's memory is still honoured was demonstrated a week ago when an article praising him as an "outstand-ing figure of the Communist Party and Soviet state" ap-

peared in Pravda.

How to deal with the
Brezhnev legacy of economic
and administrative stagnation, on the other hand, is still one of the main problems faced by the ailing President Andropov.

UN vote on **Falklands** disappoints **Argentina**

New York - The new Argentine Government-clert General Assembly's vote on Falklands sovereignty, which failed to send a clear signal of support for negotiations (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes).

The vote on Wednesday night produced 87 in favour of negotiations with 9 against, but the 54 absentions showed the extent to which Britain can exert its influence within the international community.

The entire European Community abstained, while the United States again voted in

television networks.

It appears to be experienced less keenly by the editors of at least * number of substantial papers outside Washington and New York. The local journalist certainly a defeat for the Argentines".

Obote's party wins seats

Kampala (AFP) - President Obote's People's congress has won with an overwhelming majority two parliamentary by elections, according to official results released here by the

electoral commission. . The opposition Democratic Party, which had won both seats in the December 1980 elections boycotted the by-elections and six others in which UPC candidates were returned unopposed, after saying they would

Dutch chaos

Amsterdam (Reuter) - Abou 100 young protesters caused chaos on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange yesterday fighting with dealers, some of whom turned fire-extinguishers on them, halting trading for nearly 30 minutes. They showered the trading floor with leaflets protesting at proposed cuts in social security payments.

Valuable trash

San Diego, California (AP) Confidential documents detailing a computerized combat system on one of the US Navy's the F14 Tomcat, were found in a dust bin outside a drugstore. They had been thrown away by a woman officer at Miramar naval air station here.

Pilot killed

Durban (AP) - The 21-year old pilot died when his Impal Mark 2 jet fighter of the South African Air Force crashed into the Indian Ocean off a bathing

Beyond the law

Edmonton (AP) - Alberta's Solicitor-General, Mr Graham Harle, caught by police with a prostitute in his car, has resigned while insisting he was conducting a one-man investi-gation into prostitution.

Shot wife dies

Vienna - Frau Melitte Lanc, wife of the Austrian Foreign Minister, Herr Irwin Lanc, died yesterday after shooting herself with a small-calibre pistol on November 5. She had been in a coma for 12 days.

Hippo tragedy Johannesburg (AFP) - Abou

100 hippopotami have died of starvation in South Africa's Kruger Park after several months of drought, a spokes-

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PURCHASE

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with paragraph 52 by a new certificate showing the updated value of the bond, including capitalised Intern MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM HOLDING LIMITS

31 No person may hold, either solely or jointly with any other person, less than £500 in any one bond or more than £50,000 in one or more bonds. The maximum holding limit will not prevent the capitalisation of interest under paragraph 4.3 but capitalised interest will count towards this limit if the holder wishes to purchase another bond. Bonds inherited from a deceased holder and nzerest on such bonds will not count towards the maximum limit. Bonds held by a person as trustee will not count towards the maximum which he may hold as trustee of a separate fund or which he or the benficiary may hold in a personal capacity

3.2 The Treasury may vary the maximum and minimum holding limits from time to time, upon giving notice, but such a variation will not prejudice any right enjoyed by a bond holder immediately before the variation in respect of a bond then held by him. 4.1 Interest will be calculated on a day to day basis from the date of purchase up to the date of repayment. Subject to paragraph 4.2 interest on a bond will

be payable at a rate determined by the Treasury, which may be varied upon giving sex weeks notice A.2 The rate of interest on a bond or part of a bond repaid before the first anniversary of the date of purchase will be half the rate determined by the Treasury in accordance with paragraph 4.1, unless repayment is made on the

death of the sole bond holder 4.3 Interest on a bond will be capitalised on each anniversary of the date of ourchase without deduction of income tax, but interest is subject to income

tax and must be included in any return of income in respect of the year in which it is capitalised. REPAYMENT

51 A holder must give three calendar months notice of any application for repayment before redempoon but no prior notice is required if application is made on the death of the sole bond holder Any application for repayment of a bond must be made in writing to the National Savings Deposit Bond Office and be accompanied by the current invisament certificate. The period of notice

and be accompanied by the current investment certificate. The period of notice will be calculated from the date on which the application is received in the National Savings Deposit Bond Office.

52 Application may be made in accordance with paragraph 51 for repayment of part of a bond, including capitalised interest, but the amount to be repaid must not be less than £50, or such other figure as the Treasury may determine from time to time upon giving notice. The balance of the bond remaining after repayment, excluding interest which has not been capitalised, must be not less than the minimum holding limit which was in force at the date of application. Where part of a bond has been repaid a new-certificate will be sessed and the remaining balance will be treated as having the same date of ng balance will be treated as having the same date of chase as the original bond

53 Payments will be made by crossed warrant sent by post. For the purpos of determining the amount payable in respect of a bond the date of repayment will be treatment as the date on the warrant.

54 No payment will be made in respect of a bond held by a minor under the age of seven years, either solely or jointly with any other person, except with the consent of the Director of Savings.

6 Bonds will not be transferable except with the consent of the Director of Savings. The Director of Savings will, for example, normally give consent in the case of devolution of bonds on the death of a holder but not to any pro-

7 The Treasury will give any notice required under paragraph 32, 4.1.52 and 8 in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Cazettes or in any manner which they think fit. If notice is given otherwise than in the Gazettes, it will as soon as reasonably possible thereafter be recorded in them.

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Cinema

Truffaut's light-headed charm and style

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The Divine Emma (PG) Classics Cheisea

Tottenham Court Road

Cujo (18) Leicester Square Theatre

London Film Festival National Film Theatre

François Truffaut (who was unhappily recently stricken by a severe illnes resulting from a burst blood-vessel) has the lightest touch among the generation of the Noevelle Vague, and this has often made him an object of suspicion among those more austere critics who feel that art is not art without a degree of pain. Public appreciation has gone with critical frowns often enough to confirm Truffaut's conviction that critical to convict on that confirm Truffaut's conviction that simply to amuse and delight is a sufficient object in itself. Accepted for what it is, an entertainment and confection of fluff and nonsense. Finally, Sunday (Vivement Dimanche) is as amiably engaging as the old detective thrillers it parodies.

It is based on an American thriller of

It is based on an American thriller of 1962, Charles Williams's Confidentially Yours, translated from Florida to the Côte d'Azur and with a sense of Gallic

farce overtaking the sardonic American humour. The story also provides a homage to Truffaut's lifelong hero Alfred Hitchcock: the theme of a man on the run hunted for a crime he did not commit, abetted by a young woman with whom, initially at least, relations are a trifle strained, was fairly constant in Hitchcock's best thrillers. Truffaut works a switch on Hitchcock, though: here the brunctte is the heroine, and the here the brunette is the heroine, and the soignée clear-eyed blonde, Madeleine Carroll style, becomes both villainess

Truffaut's hero is a rather hangdog estate agent (Jean-Louis Trintignant) whose best friend and faithless wife are the first to succumb in a chain of murders whose circumstances all point to his guilt. His bright secretary whom he has just sacked, takes the affair in hand, hides him in the cellar of his own offices and starts an independent investigation. Thereafter it is a farrago of disguises, secret passages, improb-able coincidences, crooked lawyers and other colourful folk, fast-talking and slow-thinking cops, vice rings and brothels (fronted by a movie theatre showing Paths of Glory: the cinema motif is rarely absent from Truffaut's

It is the stuff of the pulp novels which Truffaut loves; and Fanny Ardant plays the heroine like a schoolgirl detective. She is smart, wise-cracking and beautifully innocent (when a raincoated man murmurs "Combion?" as she laiters in a red light. "Combien?" as she loiters in a red-light street, she helpfully checks her watch and tells him the time). She spends a good part of her sleuthing time wearing an absurd principal-boy outfit in which

she has come from a rehearsal of Les Miserables. Light-headed the film may be, but it is genuinely light-hearted too, and done with charm and style.

As film craft the main merit of Jiri Krejcik's The Divine Emma is the cinematography of Miroslav Ondricek, reflecting the surfaces of a past world and changing seasons. The film has its interest though in recalling the career of the Czech-born operatic star Emmy Desting Even the inselectors are record. Destinn. Even the inadequate recordings from the decade before the First World War, when she sang annually at Covent Garden and enjoyed huge popularity in the United States, show how exceptional was Destinn's voice; how exceptional was Destinn's voice; and contemporary descriptions of her appearances in Mozart and Wagner, in Aida and Madame Butterfly and The Girl of the Golden West, indicate a remarkable dramatic range. In the film she is played by Bozidara Turzonovova, but the singing voice is supplied by Gabriela Benackova, who has sometimes been rated Destinn's natural

The film is mostly concerned with Destinn's equally remarkable offstage life. Already at 19 her career in Dresden was cut short as a result of her involvement with the Czech nationalist movement. During the First World War (this is the period on which the war (this is the period on which the film concentrates) she was interned by the Austrian authorities, and her personal problems were gravely to affect her later professional career. The script largely, fictionalizes events (her relationship with the French singer relationship with the French singer Gilly, who was interned at the same time, is ignored in favour of a concocted spy story); but it at least

ality. Destinn's implications, as a nationalist heroine, for present-day, Warsaw-pact Czechoslovakia are also

intriguing.
Cujo, adapted from a novel by
Stephen King and directed by Lewis league, hits upon a peculiarly repellent idea for a horror story; a woman and a small child are terrorized by a rabid St Bernard dog, which beseiges them in their car in a remote location whose few inhabitants the wretched animal has already savaged to death. It is a queer of contemporary Hollywood exploitation films that audiences apparently actually want to sit through such unrieved and purposeles recitals of disturbing and disagreeable inci-dents: The frothy inconsequence of Finally, Sunday seem considerably more desirable.

The Truffaut film opened the London Film Festival. Further recommendations for programmes that at mideweek were still not sold out might include, if for their ratity alone, the Chinese films Legend of Tianyun Mountain and My Memories of Old Beijung and Rickshaw Boy (all historical subjects) and Neighbours, an unvarnished picture of contemporary urban living; or a Soviet film, Karen Shakhnazarov's Jam Men, for its oddity and one sharp gag (the pioneer Soviet jazz artists, having for years been pilloried as westernized and decadent are finally accepted only when they are very old men).

Again I must commend the British shorts, for which the festival brochure

has only space for footnotes. David Robinson



Johnny Jarvis (BBC 1) is about lost youth, although some are more lost than others. Lipton and Jarvis, the two central characters, are so unalike that only schoolboy friendship could keep them together. Lipton, the one with spectacles, is saturnine and mysterious, with that peculiary bored articulateness which some London teenagers possess — as if his intelligence only served to confirm the

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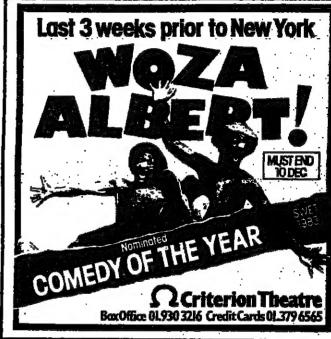
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The writer of this series, Nigel Williams, is too dexterous to fall into the conventional traps, however, and some of his

tion last night between skinhead fascism and organized crime. But there are occasions when the weight of received truth is too great even for him to bear; he seemed rather overawed by it in his portrayal of London Blacks, for example, who reverted to stereotype at every

version of the Famous Five. These three are the most convincing threatens to become amor-phous: perhaps the next four episodes will resolve the prob-

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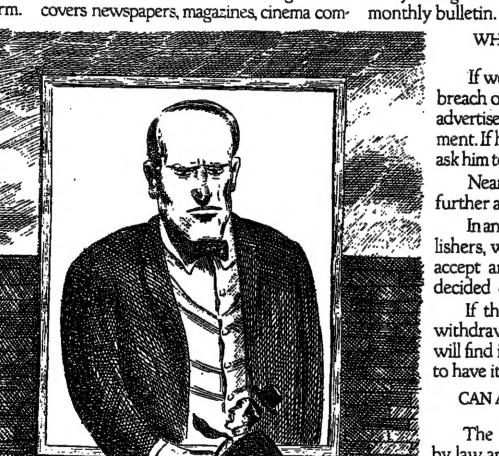
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But adolescence really only appeals to those who have forgotten how painful it is, and the world of Johnny Jarvis is one of council flats, job centres and horrible cases where the teaters where the teat imaginatively convincing characters - certainly they are the ones with whom Mr tastes of the person who has served it. The general mood is one of urban dereliction; it is a DO SOME ADVERTISERS GO TOO FAR but they combine uneasily with the more modish aspects of the familiar one in contemporary dramas, where moral ourage over the "state" of society runs plot. At the moment we have a panorama of London life which ahead of any ability to express it

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An action that cuts deep

Of all Britten's operas, The Rape of Lucretia offers the most severe obstacles to success and I have not forgotten Albert

One can cast the blame on Ronald Duncan's libretto, with its exquisite trepidations and all verbal preciousness, but this is the text that Britten helped to shape and chose to set. Its fanciful language is not a cause of the opera's awkwardness, but rather a symptom of a larger flight from reality.

How wonderful the world might be, composer and poet appear to be saying, if the opera house could be a place for moral intricacy and chamber music. But both Britten and Duncan were sufficiently experienced to know the futility of such an enterprise, and in spirit they watch over the theatre's rape of their intimate opera as surely as the two Chorus figures watch over the heroine's tragic des-tiny. The Rape of Lucretia is an opera that goes gently and beautifully to its doom.

If it cannot be prevented saved from its pretentiousness. as it now is in the English National Opera's new production.

Alceste

Oueen Elizabeth Hall

With the Royal Opera's stage speciacle still in the mind's eye, and with Jessye Norman's new recorded Alceste fresh in the ears, Chelsea Opera Group dared on Wednesday night to unequal role: his "Alceste, aux present a concert performance

Where Laszlo Heltay succeeded was in finding that fertile balance between just, classical gravitas and vibrant inner momentum which is of the essence of this work. Moreover, he had two of its prime requirements: principals as strong as Phyllis Cannan's Hercule gave a marvellous Alceste and David Hillman's angury of his triumphant C Admète. They came with the major turning of events; and, assurance of having under-studied Baker and Tear at Clarke's stylish, anonymous Covent Garden: both, surprisingly, drew me deeper into their more eloquent than either roles and into the heart of Stuart Harling's clumsy Pretre Gluck even on this small, bare or Ian Comboy's Oracle. Only

Phyllis Cannan has the voice, down. Gluck intended power to musicianship and dramatic his people: they remained a focus for a near-complete dutiful English choir. and that is rare:

The Rape of Lucretia

Coliseum

Steuart Bedford, who directs the score from the piano as he did in the last days of the chaconne begin English Opera Group a dozen years ago, has come to a more forthright projection of the music, discovering much oddity of phrase, many places where Britten is pulling away from his librettist's sweet tragedy, as well as the many others where he lends support and encourage-

> designed by Russell Craig, but the setting is now even more austere. There is only an apparatus of scaffolding, from the top of which the Male and Female Chorus observe, sliding large white panels to open and close the parable. Costumes are nondescript. Furniture and properties are reduced to the barest minimum; elementary spinning equipment, a bed and a candle, a basket of flowers, The groupings, too, are simple, and sometimes seen in striking silhouette on the panels, thanks to the satire of Matthew Richardson's lighting.

Attention is thus forced, by from doing so, it can at least be the lighting as by the production, on the few people on stage, and when action comes it cuts deep. The rape is brutally realized; Lucretia at her first

still, watched by the others frozen with backs turned as the lament of the cor anglais becomes the only matter of interest. This is distinguished opera production which knows when to do absolutely nothing.

The casting is also excellent. Jean Rigby is not an outraged more immediate. The opera is being presented on the wooden platform used for the recent new Ariadne on Naxos, also designed by Russell Crain has a wooden the part has much for her strong rounded bottom register, and much too for her ringing thrusts. Russell Smythe makes Tarquinius of toughness and urgency, whereas Richard Van Allan's Collatinus is all acceptance and quiet pessimism. A maternal Ann-Marie Owens and prettily agile Cathryn Pope are magnificent as Lucretia's attendants, and something positive is made of the aggrieved Junius by Robert Dean.

In this production the choric couple are poeticizing in-terpreters of a savagely simple in these roles such fine, exact and sensitive enunciators of Britten's music as Anthony Rolfe Johnson and Kathryn Harries. Not only do they tell us how to bear the work, they make us desperately want to believe in its importance.

Paul Griffiths



Urgently moving: Jean Rigby and Russell Smythe

Theatre Warmly anti-racist

Outlaw

Towards the end of Michael Abbensetts's play, a woman journalist takes a despairing look at a collection of dreadful paintings adorning the walls of a black cultural centre and observes that people talk about black art so as to avoid saying whether it is any good or not.
"Nobody talks about 'white

That is a bold statement to appear in the midst of the Arts's thoroughly in key with the rest of this warmly anti-racist piece, Through the adventures of his Jamaican hero, Omar, Mr Abbensetts conducts a rapid trip through the ethnic underworld of the past 20 years before finally slamming the ghetto

Starting as a petty crook, Omar joins forces with a Rachmanite landlord before boarding the black-power bandqagon and turning his talents for extortion to extracting subscriptions for his separa-(ARSE); from which it is a short step to founding the cultural centre where he experiences a change of heart and admits

It is nice to be offered the hand of friendship; but Mr Abbensetts manages the gesture only at the expense of repeat-edly letting his plot and characters off the hook. He seems too kind a writer to insist on the consequences of greed and hatred, or (apart from a Nationak Front scene) to show anything ugly happening.

The landlord is an old Polish charmer; so he gets off scot free when the property boom col-lapses. Omar is a hard man, but his ego melts like butter when the author requires it.

The salvation of the piece is Black Theatre Season, and it is in its agile plotting (a theft, a recovery, and love at first sight all in the opening two-minute scene) and its unforced fun which defuses any sense of missionary intensity. Nobody. Omar complains, is visiting his library, and Tve bad to go out and threaten people to get those

Also, no ethnic allowances have to be made for Robert Gillespie's production, headed by Raul Newney's satirically arrogant Omar, and with powerfully comic support from Wolfe Morris, as the slum ust movement, Action for landlord, and Tony Hippolyte, Racist Strength in England a lanky, ebony-masked joker who teases the house into hysterics in a succession of side-

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of Gluck's opera; and it paid off.

brilliant, athletic middle register

that can drive her determination, then act as a springboard for the burning high notes of "Divinités du Styx" or support the mezza voce of her "tendresse extrême"

Hillman's Admète, despite awkward French, restored detail and stature to an nom des Dieux" marked the climax of a powerful, deeply musical evolution of character, and together the mounting tension of their dialogue was grippingly paced.

Even Act III's sluggish start was brightened by shrewd casting. The springing impetus of Henry Herford's generous soprano was, in its own way, the chorus seriously let the side

look a foot high, on both sides of the organ. Cannot politics be carried on by subtler means?

they are known at home, who

strings are not as sumptuous as their neighbours, the Concerge

bouw, but they are well-mould-ed and firm in attack, and they

share the inability to make impleasant noises even at the very top of the violin range.

The brass includes a fine

sonorous tuba and smooth horns; the quartet of higher tubas in the Adagio posed some

problems of intonation. Some

times Vonk allowed the balance

to go awry; when the second violins had the theme in the

first movement, it was drowned by the agitated first violins, and crashing brass shords in the Scherzo covered up important

That Scherzo was so unaggressive that its falling sevenths

sounded almost Elgarian.

material in the bass.

Wednesday night's guests

Hilary Finch

Concert

Hague PO/Vonk Festival Hall

were the Hague Philharmonic, of Het Residentie-Orkest as This is becoming ridiculous. I have no objection to being confronted on occasions like Wednesday night's concert with the bust of Beethoven glowering from the Festival Hall stage (it helps to remind us that we are participating in the hallowed rituals of the Royal Philharitan seems to be to draw the latest of the humane warmth of confronted on occasions like brought an uncommonly civi-lized, serene reading of Brucknrituals of the Royal Philharmonic Society). But the latest arrival in the hall is a Bruckner rather than his intenmonic society and the society arrival in the hall is a Bruckner rather than his intensity. And his orchestra comp-lements this approach: the pair of massive slogans proclaiming GREATER LONDON COUNCIL, in letters which



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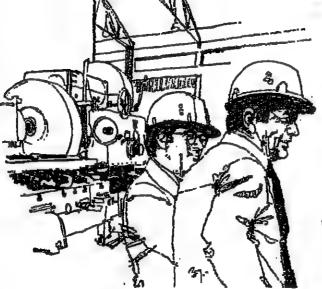
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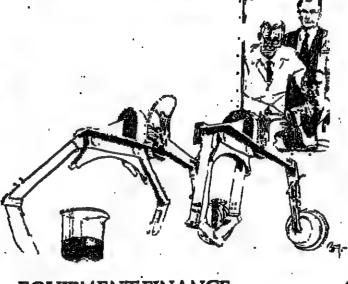
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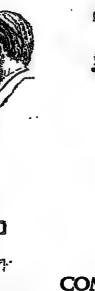


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The rise and fall of the Kennedy clan

The Americans invented their own royal family.

writes Nicholas Ashford.

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John F changed all that

In the absence of a royal family of their own the Americans have had to invent

opinion - have opted for the Ken-It is not hard to understand why.

one, and the media - reflecting popular

material to work on. The kennedys also remain a united (but not monolithic) family. At a time when American families increasingly find themselves dispersed across the shoulders of Edward. At the age of 36, the suddenly found himself cataputed

The gatherings of the "clan" at the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port at Thanksgiving and other important occasions, and the family's emphasis on the virtues of hard work, public services and spiritual devotion, revive memories of the values brought to America by the early settlers who, like the Kennedys, rose from rags to riches.

And they are a pretty attractive bunch of individuals, too: certainly as photogenic (and much nicer) than the nation's other first families who are seen on the weekly television soap operas, Dallas and Dynasty. John F Kennedy Jr (JFK's son) has been described as "Byronic" while Maria Shriver (daughter of Eunice Kennedy) owed her original break into television - where she is now Hollywood correspondent for PM Magazine - as much to her looks as her name.

But the real reason for the American public's continuing fascination with the Kennedys and their elevation of them to near-regal status goes back 23 years to when John Fitzgerald Kennedy and reappraising his achievements. of JFK heralded a new era in American public life, provoking an aura of excitement even more intense than that which accompanied Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal.

The President's youth set off an eruption of interest in politics among the nation's previously politically apathetic young. People of talent

that America could be both prosperous and compassionate.

The style of life in the White House also changed. The stuffiness of the Eisenhower years was replaced by a glittering succession of balls and dinners at which film stars, artists and musicians were often more in evidence than cabinet ministers or congressmen. And in his wife, Jackie, JFK had at his side a woman who was not only beautiful and intelligent but who also

always looked good on television.

This was of course the age when television came into its own. JFK's awareness of the power of television was partly responsible for his victory over the untelegenic Richard Nixon. The Kennedy mystique owes much to the way he played out his presidency before the television cameras. The same cameras were present to capture the awful drama of his assassination,

For a start, there are an awful lot of JFK's death after only 1,000 days in them. In best Catholic Irish tradition office left the nation with the sense of a Joe, the former ambassador to London, and Rose, now aged 93, had nine children who between them produced 30 grandchildren (one of whom died at birth). So the press and professional Kennedy-watchers have a lot of the completed with the sense of a mission unfulfilled, a task which still had to be completed. Many looked to his brother Robert, rather than to JFK's successor, President Johnson, to take over his mantle. Yet less than five years later Robert was also dead, another victim of an assassin's bullet.

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A year later came Chappaquiddick. Many Americans believed that the Kennedy family's political ambitions had drowned with Mary Jo Kopechne. All the old stories came flooding back; how he had cheated on his Spanish examination and had been kicked out of Harvard as a result, how he had been caught speeding at law school and had hidden beneath the dashboard to try to escape notice. It was said that he had panicked in a crisis, that he could not face up to responsibility, that he lied. The scrutiny was relentless and the "character issue" which has dogged Senator Kennedy ever since was born.

Despite this, however, the senator is still regarded as the man who may yet be destined to complete JFK's mission, and many liberals believe he could still win the presidency in 1988 or 1992.

This fascination with JFK and the legacy of Camelot has reached a climax with the twentieth anniversary of his assassination. Newspapers and television have had a field day analysing entered the White House. The election Books have been written, memorials erected, teach-ins organized and stamps issued to commemorate the

man and his death. Two new books in particular underline the extent to which the Kennedys have been elevated to nearroyal status. One, entitled Growing Up Kennedy: The Third Generation Comes of Age, contains chapter headings such flocked to join the Kennedy crusade as "John - Prince Disarming" or against poverty and in support of civil "Reluctant Princess Caroline". The rights believing, like Kennedy himself, other, Kennedy: The New Generation



The days of wine and roses: Inside the President's office in the White House in February, 1962, when the stuffiness of the Elsenhower years was replaced

is a pictorial account of the Kennedy family similar to many glossy volumes which have been published about British royals.

But the book also emphasizes an important difference. "The royals lived a prescribed life in an exclusive theatrical touring company, with their roles defined and their lives written for them. The Kennedys are responsible for themselves. Much, perhaps too much, is expected of them.

Furthermore, the Kennedys, being a political family, are not immune from criticism and public opprobrium which British royals are generally spared. A recent example was when Kara, Senator Kennedy's 23-year-old daughter, was accosted by a Kennedy hater who reminded her that her father had "killed a young girl about your

Growing up a Kennedy can be a burden as well as an enviable privilege. and placed on six months' probation from Massachusetts.

"You have to take the good with bad" remarked Robert Kennedy Jr recently, noting that the third generation of Kennedys had had their share of the

In his own case, for example, after a much-publicized failure to pass the found in his luggage. He was sent for income families. treatment for an unspecified drug

His younger brother David made robbed in a Harlem hotel known to be frequented by heroin users.

He later entered a drug rehabilitation programme.

A few weeks ago Robert Shriver, Eunice's eldest boy, was fined \$250



Jackie bathing in the sea at Ravello in August, 1962. Kennedyophiles never forgave her for "abandoning" the clan and marrying a foreigner

for scalping tickets at a Baltimore versus Chicago baseball game.

Kennedy wives have also had their share of unfavourable publicity, Many Kennedyophiles never forgave Jackie for "abandoning" the clan and marrying a foreigner who had 42 telephones on his yacht and solid gold taps in the bathrooms. Mrs Onassis, now an editor with Doubleday in New York, lead as a property of life as new York. leads as private a life as possible and only participates in occasional clan activities when her two children are involved.

Joan's alcoholism, which was largely responsible for her separation from Senator Kennedy, also attracted close scrutiny. Although she has successfully undergone therapy to overcome her drinking problem and has succeeded in reestablishing a close relationship with her children, her own self-esteem has been severely undermined by the way in which her personal problems were publicly recorded.

Other young Kennedys are quietly contributing to the clan mystique. Probably the two most outstanding are Kathleen Kennedy Townsend and Joe Kennedy II, the oldest children of Robert and Ethel Kennedy. Last year Kathleen, aged 32, an outspoken liberal and feminist, brilliantly managed Senator Edward Kennedy's reelection campaign which he won by a landslide. Political observers contrasted the effectiveness of that campaign, in which the senator emerged out of the shadow of his dead brothers as a political figure in his own right, with the senator's disastrous performance in 1980. It was expected Kathleen would have played a key role in next year's presidential race if Senator Kennedy had not decided to

Joe II has been active in public New York state bar exam, he resigned service. He set up a non-profit as an assistant district attorney in company in Boston, the Citizens Manhattan last summer and was later Energy Corporation, which in the past arrested on his way to South Dakota four years has provided 21 million after "controlled substances" were gallons of cut-price heating oil to lowgallons of cut-price heating oil to low-

So far none of the 29 third generation Kennedys has shown any signs of following John, Robert or headlines four years ago when he was Edward into politics. In 1961 JFK declared: "... the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans..." But none of the new generation of Kennedys seems willing to take up the torch, which is now carried single-handedly by the senator

production company. To avoid

copyright restrictions, all factual material had to have been

quoted by at least two sources. It is a million miles from the mischievous air of a series like

Washington Behind Closed

And yet for all its scrupulous research Kennedy, Gadney insists, is still a "work of the imagination" an historical play

that attempts to catch the spirit of an era, of an extraordinary political family and of a

"My assessment of Kennedy

may not be particularly original or exciting, but the fact is that

he was one of the last statesmen

to talk about the future.

Ironically, as a young man, he had a stake in it. Today,

politicians have given up on the

genuine idealist, who excited a whole generation."

It is this much-cited "vigour"

that Gadney tries to get across, a mood he believes could never

be achieved in a blow-by-blow

either the drama is a bit duff or

He has also avoided a

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psychiatrist, to pinpoint what

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performance, Martin Sheen builds on this. By making his Kennedy both charming, fright-

ening and unpredictable he warns us off, convinces us that

the man inside is out of bounds.

was a blandness in Kennedy.

There was either a great gap in

his mind, so that he wasn't in

touch with himself, or else there

wasn't very much to be in touch

with. He was like a cardboard

Gadney concludes: "There

the documentary is sloppy".

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moreover... Miles Kington

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The prize ceremony will rival all known celebrations of the literary art. Bernard Levin will be there to say why he likes books so much.

Richard Attenborough will be on hand, so you can be photographed with him and his Oscar.

Cabaret will be provided by Fay Weldon and the Weldonettes.

Your chef for the evening will be Indian expert Salman Rushdie, hot tip for the 1984 Nobel cookery prize.

Bernard Levin will tell you why he likes food so much.

Bobby Robson will be on hand to offer excuses for the losers.

And a squad of feminist agitators will move among the diners pelting them with rolls and chicken bones!

The judges will include Lionel Blair, Simone de Beauvoir, Selina Scott, Iris Mundoch, Henry Cooper and that all-purpose personality Sir Kelly Mointith of that ilk. It think it's going to be a great evening, says Monteith. This is the sort of thing which will give that sort of thing a much-needed shot in the arm. This is what shots in the arms are all about. Anything that puts books on the map is fine by me. I shall be there Count on me. I am not shall be there. Count on me. I am not afraid. What's the food going to be like? Can I sit next to Selina? Do I really have to

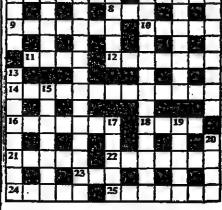
With interest like this already building up, it is not hard to see why the British Book-Flogging Board, inspiration behind the Ten Greatest British Pocket Diaries for 1984, has already decided to stump up £50,000 to help to support the evening. The BBC will be broadcasting the evening live, unless it has suspended all its staff by then, and Ladbroke's have announced they will run a book on Britain's fastest, sexiest novelist. There will be a lot of money floating round is the picture, and if I know my readers, they will want to get their sticky little hands on-some of it.

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To enable them to do this, the Miss Booker Nouveau prize will be going public shortly before the day itself. If you wish to become a shareholder, simply send me £100 in old notes, with a signed disclaimer saying: "I am sure you know what to do with this money. Please do not send me a Booker Prize novel".

If we all play our cards right, I can give up writing this column and you can all retire from full-time newspaper readership. But hurry, hurry with that money.

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Jennifer Selway on the British TV view of a US legend A Limey at the court of a president

A seven-hour television mini-series called Kennedy, starring START THE WEEKEND WITH THE PAPER THAT INFORMS, STIMULATES, AMUSES AND PROVOKES Martin Sheen in the title role, with E. G. Marshall, Geraldine Fitzgerald and John Shea, sounds like a most American undertaking. It is being tran-smitted coast-to-coast by NBC, in Britain by ITV and in a handful of other countries, from Sunday evening coinciding with the twentieth anniversary of the President's assassination and riding high on a media wave of eulogy, elegy and scant revisionism. But, unexpectedly Kennedy is a British production by Central Television, produced by Andrew Brown (of Rock Follies and Edward and Mrs Simpson), written and con-ceived by Reg Gadney (most recently responsible for a dramatization of Iris Murdoch's The

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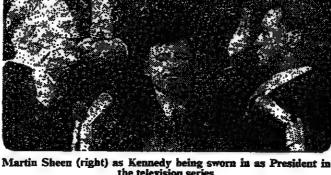
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Cambridge went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology "It's as though the Belgians had decided to make the definitive film about Churchill." Gadney suggests, attempting to illustrate the initial hostility with which the American press met the British crew during their five months' location filming up and down

the eastern seaboard. "Ive had a fairly odd reception on this side of the Atlantic, too," he says. "The extraordinary thing about television is it's supposed to be the great force for internationalism, but nothing could be more ferociously nationalistic than each country's television. The British are the worst. It's the same with writing for film and theatre. Look at the obsession with the rise or fall of the British film industry. You don't get this sort of jingoism in new painting or sculpture."

Gadney is also by way of being an art historian, and has of Kennedy's career. taught at the Royal College of Art for close on 15 years. He has had a long-term interest in in Dallas, so there is no attempt things American, and after to explore the fantastic theories and from Central's American curiously empty man."



the television series

in 1966 as a research fellow studying architecture. It was at this time (to his subsequent, deep regret) that he declined an invitation to spend a weekend at the Kennedys' Hyannis Port enclave, extended by a Harvard colleague and Kennedy scholar. For the purposes of writing the TV series, both he and the production team made a conscious decision not to seek out the Kennedys for information or approval, in the belief that it JFK's well-disguised spinal would have forced the family to adopt a position about the series, and compromised the programme makers. Over a period of two years, Gadney did all his own recearch. Most of the material came from published sources and from interviews. Alone (and this time uninvited) he strolled round Hyannis Port and joined a conducted tour of the White House. He says he had an open mind about his subject, but was never approached by any Deep Throats offering to tell him the "real story" about some aspect

The film ends abruptly a vivd reconstruction of the shooting

still circulating about Kennedy's death. If one was to ask the man on the Clapham (or Georgetown) omnibus to jot down key movements in the Kennedy administration, they future. They just talk about problems. He was, I believe, a would be the same as appear in the TV series - the closely-run election, the Bay of Pigs fiasco. the civil rights movement, the Cuban missile crisis and so on, and there are little anecdotal footnotes about Jackie's serenely obstinate extravagance,

trouble and so on. Viewers anticipating shocking revelations about the Kenpointed. The President's philandering takes place off-stage, and at unspecified times, though it is shown to have been compulsively monitored by J. Edgar Hoover (played by Vincent Gardenia as a kind of pantomime villain), who makes the magisterial pronouncement:
"The Kennedy weakness is sex . . . we have a President that

All this kind of business in the script was carefully studied

the death of their baby son,

is morally diseased." by many teams of eagle-eyed box, very adept at filling himself lawyers - from NBC, their with people and ideas and insurance lawyers, from Central motion. But I think he was a

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FRIDAY PAGE

Helen Mason meets an | South African writers exercise a peculiar fascination in Europe and unusual theatre group

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'Does anyone here speak spastic?

The Graeae, as anyone knows who studied Greek or possessed a copy of The Heroes by Charles Kingsley, were three disagreeable old ladies who possessed only one eye and one touth which they shared Members who possessed only one eye and one tooth, which they shared. Members of the graeae (pronounced Gray Eye) Theatre are rather better endowed than their namesakes, but all the actors are disabled.

Their best known production, featuring their best known and most charismatic star, founder member Nabil Shaban, was Sideshow. Using acid and uncomfortable humour.

acid and uncomfortable humour, they confronted society with its attitudes and, like Irishmen telling lish jokes, put the unspeakable into words. The best known line from Sideshow is the call for an interpreter. "Does anyone here speak spastic?"

Audiences expecting that kind of thing from their current production at the Riverside Studios Hammersmith, Not Much to Ask", will be puzzled. In my view, audiences will be puzzled anyway. I think it is a puzzling play, based on Villette by Charlotte Bronte but juggling times and identities and casting severe doubt, in Day-glo sequences to disco beat, on the value of institutional care. But it is a proper play for proper actors.

One of the most dramatic and powerful moments is supplied by 20-year-old Richard Gilling, in one of the day-centre sequences, all noise and uncaring clatter, unwanted library books from trollies and chants like "Don't expect too much only simple things - make allowances - they think you're stupid if you can't speak". Richard faces the audience and, forcing words out with passion, cries: "But I

am not stupid".

The Graeae bitterly resents reviews that attach labels to performers, but it is impossible to describe the impact of that moment without referring to the fact that Richard Gilling does have difficulty in speaking.

The Graeae is not a repertory company and casts for each production. It also pays equity rates. This makes funding a constant problem - a problem compounded by the number of tours it takes on one is about to begin in India and will, for the first time, have a tour



Drama from a wheelchair

Graeae is also to have an artistic director, Caroline Noh, and that development is an important change in a company which has been run as a collective.
That the company is still going.

and growing, and changing is something of a miracle. And if one of the two wheelchairs gliding across the doll-sized stage had not been draped in a crinoline in Not Much to Ask, I for one, could easily have forgotten it was there at all.

Helen Mason The Graeae will be at the Riverside until Sunday, then the York Arts Centre, November 22-26, the West End Centre Aldershot, December 9 and the IM Marsh College of PE, Liverpool, December 12-17.

America, but also manage to make their readers slightly uncomfortable. Truth mined from beneath the Truth mined from beneath the surface is less easy to digest than reflex political slogans. As the greatest of them all reaches 60 on Sunday, it is the right moment to retrace a career which itself has reached a stage of anxious self-examination examination.

Nadine Gordiner has recently been devoting time to looking both forward and backward across the four decades which her writing has covered - thoughts gathered up and poured passionately out in a lecture delivered in New York a year ago entitled Living in the Interregnum. Other writers who have enjoyed the marks of distinction which the critical fraternity have showered on her might take stock with some sense of satisfaction at the age of 60. Gordimer's world is not so comfortable.

She remained, she told that audience, a writer and not a speaker, "nothing I say here will be as true as my fiction." She had never before spoken from so public a point of view, she said, and quoted from Gramsci to evoke the South Africa of the 1980s: "The old is dying, and the new cannot be born; in this interregnum there arises a great diversity of morbid symptoms."

She described her dilemma.

There are two absolutes in my life. One is that racism is evil - human damnation in the Old Testament sense – and no compromises, as well as sacrifices, should be too great in the fight against it. The other is that a writer is a being in whose sensibility is fused ... the duality of inwardness and outside world, and he must never be asked to sunder this union. The coexistence of these absolutes often seem irreconcilable

within one life, for me."

This conflict between the imperatives of politics and of art has been one of the most constant themes of the commentary with which she has accompanied her output of novels.

The dilemma would not exist if she had chosen exile in Europe or the United States, home of her publishers and critical supporters. But she chooses only to make regular visits. When I met her in London earlier this year, she remarked on the psychological gulf separating us from her own country.

"You are so safe," she said, "it is impossible for you to imagine how we live in societies like ours. The dangers you envisage are so different from the real dangers. People often say to me: 'I don't know how you can face all that censorship and so forth.' But the real dangers are the ways people are watched from vantage points so close to them-selves; the real dangers lie in the hidden places close to you."

Escape by the world of books

These tensions only reveal themselves slowly from underneath a surface of courtesy and quiet selfdoes not addear to enjoy interviews but, after precise and conscientious enswers, uses the opportunity to articulate her concerns of the moment. Once it was the endless guerrilla warfare with the

censors, now the difficulties facing emergent black writers.

Her Jewish Cockney grandparents went out to South Africa in the 1870s to prospect for diamonds. Her parents settled in the gold mining town of Springs, not far from Johannesburg on the East Rand There were three rigidly separated populations: English speakers (in Springs many were Scots), Afrikaners and Africans.

The world disclosed by books revealed the possibility of escape. "It sounds so pretentious, but I couldn't find mental food there. There was a hunger in me. Gossip and family discussions were all about daily life. It was interesting but the books I read showed me that there were

other things". She saw her first piece of work published in 1939, went briefly to university and spent most of her time with other young Johannesburg writers. A small and farsighted periodical published her and the

A lifetime of mining for the truth



Nadine Gordimer: "You are so safe. It is impossible for you to imagine how we live in societies like ours"

equally little-known Doris Lessing in the same year. She was briefly

The Lying Days, It was not a politically conscious one.

The time was nevertheless a watershed. After the Nationalist election victory in 1948 the balance power between Afrikaners and English-speakers swung decisively in the Afrikaners' favour. Apartheid was consolidated on the statute came an unheard of intrusion: a revolutionary and have long stret telephone call from America. A es in prison or you had to leave short story had been taken by The New Yorker, collections were soon brought out by publishers in New York and London.

It was the beginning of a steady stream, a volume of short stories usually alternating with a novel. Friday's Footprint won the W H Smith award in 1961; A Guest of Honour the James Tait Black in 1972; The Conservationist shared the Rocker is 1974; France appareled the Booker in 1974; France awarded her the Grand Aigle d'Or in the following year. Rumour holds that she has twice been on Nobel short lists. One of those occasions would almost certainly have been for her towering achievement (and own favourite), Burger's Daughter, published in 1979.

Her preoccupations became gradually more political, or as she put it; "the importance of the context of our life took hold of me". This slow change, the growing attention paid to the conflict between public and private responsibilities, did not become stories of great public events but a sustained inquiry into the human psychology of the society that was around her. "In a certain sense", she wrote recently, "a writer is 'selected' by his

subject - his subject being the consciousness of his own era.

married.

It was the gentle, exploratory and the fundamental of commitment, although commitment is usually understood as the reverse process: a writer's selection of a subject is conformity with the rationalization of his own ideological and/or political beliefs".

She made one near-miss attempt to leave this behind. After Sharpeville she and her second husband (who had himself fled Nazi Germany) that the state of specime book. The young writers debated the question of why there was no recognizable body of South African literature. Into this enclosed society came an unhearded intrusion. "Zambia had become indepen-

dent in '64 and we went several times thinking scriously about living there. Then I realized something which pricked an illusion I had held. I had thought that as a white African I could go and live anywhere - that I would be accepted as such if one was committed, as we were to black majority rule. I found that I was just another European. As far as people were concerned, I could have arrived in Africa the day before.

"It was untrue that we would be accepted. And I found that whatever happens at home, whatever feelings arise, in a strange way one is accepted as a white African. It's the only real identity I have." She made first use of this theme

in A Guest of Honour, the unhappy chronicle of a liberal ex-colonial civil servant invited back to the newly independent country in which he had once lived. But it is also central to Burger's Daughter, which follows the daughter of an imprisoned white communist as she attempts to create her own life away from the rigid orthodoxies of family

She moves to southern France (where Gordiner's daughter now

lives) and briefly to London but finally chooses to return to South Africa where she faces the certain prospect that her past associations will send her to prison. Rosa Burger wanders between the pursuit of private fulfilment and the meeting private fulfilment and the meeting of obligations to other people. Gordiner is at her best on the border between private emotions and external forces; the two are interwoven by characters who mix good and bad among black and

white.

Such shading may sound unexceptional, but she is writing in exceptional circumstances. The novel was banned when it first appeared. "The authoress uses Rosa's story as a pad," wrote Mr E G Malan of the Directorate of Publications. "from which to launch a blistering and full-scale attack on the Republic of South Africa: its government's racial policies; white privilege, social and political structure; processes of law and prisons; forces for the preservation of law and order; black housing and education; the pass laws etc. The whites are baddies, the black the goodies." Held up to widespread ridicule, the ban on the book was finally overturned. book was finally overturned.

But it is not only inside white supremacy that human frailty and subtlety are "unhelpful". She is criticized by some black writers - whose writings are not usually "unbanned" after protests and who not perully received and who had not perully received. do not usually receive reviews in The New York Times - for even daring to write as if she knows what a black person can think and for creating black characters who are less than perfect heroes of the revolution

Sometimes I feel useless

"You have to have a certain measure of trust before you can talk openly and freely about this", she said. "The moral ambiguities and individual cruelties in the individuals who are heroes have to be there or the writer is not a writer. They may not in the end affect the little kernel of truth in the case. This has to be argued constantly among black writers. They are in a pretty terrible position both ways. The censors are down on them but there is also increasing pressure to conform to the needs of the political struggle.

"It is difficult to convey how irrelevant and unimportant writing seems in the revolutionary situation in South Africa.

"It's a little better than it was in the late 1970s. There was in effect an unwritten list of prescribed and proscribed subjects. It was OK to write a story about the student riots. It was OK to write a story about someone's mother hiding a man on the run from the police. It would not be OK to write of a Dostoyevskian situation in which there was a young black girl in the house where the man was hiding and she was attracted to him. She is rejected and, in revenge, hands him over. Betrayals do happen. Life is not clear cut."

Where has the collision of politics and art left her? "I'm a writer. I don't think I'm brave enough to become a true revolutionary and spend my life in jail. I sometimes feel... I feel useless, yes. But I feel that in the end there are some things that in the end there are some things I can do. You try to tell the truth and to show people in all their moral confusion. If a writer does this, you get a clearer idea of what you are and how you are living.

She now describes herself as a "citizen of the interregnum", attempting to reconcile her observation and imagination with a readiness to be "answerable to the order struggling to be born". But running beneath her defiant statements combining these aims is an audible doubt that they can live together for much longer. The inescapable evidence of the novels stacks the odds against it.
Running beneath those defiant statements is the line from Turgenev

which prefaces A Guest of Honour. "An honourable man will end by not knowing where to live."

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Poor outlook for diabetics

Doctors and political commentators agree that their circumstantial evidence suggests that Yuri Andropov as been a diabetic for many years and has now developed end stage kidney failure, one of its most dreaded complications.

Few diabetics of his age have been treated with dialysis or a kidney transplant so that there are no reliable statistics available on which to give an accurate prognosis; but a study of 5,000 European patients, mostly very much younger people, has shown that a patient treated in this way has a 59 per cent of surviving the first year. The outlook for a man of Mr Andropov's age must be rather less promising particularly as it seems that he, like the majority of these patients, has cardiovascular trouble and is hypertensive, in 50 per cent of the cases the final cause of death is a coronary thrombosis.

Fortunately, most diabetics do not develop serious kidney compli-cations, although careful post mortem examination shows that in 65 per cent there is some renal involvement. When renal failure does occur, diabetes has always been present for at least 20 years.



A helping hand for Andropov

The Russian leader's treatment has drawn attention to the lack of provision made for similar care in Britain; without it the average life expectancy, after laboratory signs of impossible areas of impossible areas follows have a second impending renal failure have developed, is five years; or one year after the patient starts to show physical signs and symptoms.

Dr A J Wing of St Thomas's Hospital, told The Times that he

was dismayed by Britain's present approach and contrasted it to the active treatment we provide to give a cancer sufferer an extra year or two. He explained that half the diabetic patients accepted for dialysis or transplant will live an extra two years, and a quarter will last at least five years. In 1981 500 diabetics presented with renal failure; only 80 were treated, "The rest", he said, "we merely buried".

Ouick cure



It was, perhaps, re-ports of a new treatment for impotence with an alpha blocker, phentolamine, prompted the middle Italian

businessman and his wife to fly suddenly to London to seek advice suddenly to London to seek advice about their long term problem. Unfortunately, although the press reports did explain that the treatment, devised by Professor G S Brindley, of the Institute of Psychiatry, was by injection; they did not all explain that this had to be given directly into the spongy tissue given directly into the spongy tissue of the genitalia, and its effect started regardless of circumstances, within about five minutes; a situation which le man will end by not if the remedy became popular might make Harley Street look like a scene from an old Whitehall Theatre farce.

In the best tradition Professor Brindley first experimented on himself. he has had 41 injections without, so far as he knows, any long term ill effects. It has now been tried it on 15 patients, 12 of whom had had long periods of impotence. The wife of one of his patients has even started to wield the needle herself. As a standard method of treatment there are obvious medical herself. As a standard method of treatment there are obvious medical dangers, as well as aesthetic objections, so that the professors work is much more likely to be of research value rather than immediate clinical application.

The Italians, fortunately, did not need such drastic measures. The man who had no obvious circulatory hormonal or neurological problems

hormonal or neurological problems was overjoyed to learn that his initial symptoms were not his alone, but common to all middle aged men. His common to all middle aged men. His attractive wife, who did not look as if she would be very handy with a syringe, learnt that women had to play an equally subtle, but rather more active role in love making in later life.

week they left at the end of the week they were delighted that their holiday had been repeatedly consum-

Seeing red



Pink eye, red eye, or in babies "a sticky eye", are lay terms usually thought to be synonymous with conjunctivitis; but not all inflamed red

conjunctivitis and not all conjunctivitis is due to a simple cause such as playground dust, chlorine in the water, of the strain of a long drive. Two medical magazines, Mimms and The General Practitioner, bave both recently carried warnings about diagnosing conjuctivitis without ascertaining the underlying cause, or making certain that the patient is not suffering an inflamed eye due to more damaging eye trouble where a delay in the correct treatment may be disastrous.

The writers also warn against giving blunderbuss therapy in the form of drops containing broad spectrum antibiotics combined with powerful steroids. If the patient has not uncommon, the condition can be made dramatically worse by the made dramatically worse by ster-oids. The same steroids if used for too long can cause an increase in eye pressure, glaucoma, which may become irreversible and hence involves a risk of blindness.

Laid low



One of the great characters of the racing scene who survived the Aintree back and an adventurous war without ever losing his composure, was almost laid low this year

by a small white pill, Ceteprin. Ceteprin, an often prescribed and useful drug, can cause oesophagitis, characterized by heariburn and sometimes chest pain radiation to

Following the medical briefing on the complications of a histus hernia, several readers have written to The Times describing similar symptoms after taking prescribed treatment. Their letters emphasize the point that not all oesophagitis is the reflux into a hernia, and that among the many other causes are the side effects of drugs.

Doctors are so used to the various types of indigestion caused by anti-arthritic drugs that its diagnosis presents few difficuties; but when the symptoms follow other treatment the connexion may not be so obvious. Antibiotics, particularly erythromy-cin and doxycycline (Vibramycin), some of the antidepressants, some beta blockers, and the barbiturates, are all among frequent offenders.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford Medical Correspondent

COMMENT

A right to learn

The education of children in the first year of their school life is regulated not by their ability or the resources available, but primarily by the wording of the 1944 Education Act. Because it 1944 Education Act. Because it states that compulsory education begins after a child attains the age of five, but the school year runs from September to August, the length of a child's education during the vital infant years of schooling may vary by as much as a year. Most education authorities now admit children in the term in which they attain their fifth

in which they attain their into birthday – the so-called "rising fives". Thus the children born between September 1 and December 31 enter school at the beginning of the school year. These first class citizens enjoy a teacher fresh from a long summer holiday, often a small teaching group and a head start. The second class citizens, born between January 1 and April 30, start school after Christmas but at least are backed by a capitation allowance for books and teaching resources.

However, the third class citizens born between May 1 and August 31 - the summer birthdays - may only start school after Easter if there is room for them in the reception class or mixed-age groups - no extra teacher or capitation allowance is provided as they are not counted on the January school census on which annual

calculations are based. Even if these third class citizens do manage to enter school after Easter, they face full classes, an established routine Essex

and a confident, settled peer group who have benefited from up to eight months of edu-cation. The result may be problems which often persist beyond primary education. In no other area of education is there discrimination on the

grounds of age within a year-group. All children enter secondary school in one intake, as do students of universities etc. This year and last I have pressed to have my summer birthday children allowed into school at February half-term so that, at least, they would receive half a year's education. Research undertaken by the National Children's Bureau has

underlined the high number of summer children at risk or in remedial groups. We would not require extra staff or resources d yet the county council has refused this request in spite of support from governors and parents. I know that many heads have been given the same answer and feel that they should be allowed to exercise their discretion. This can only be

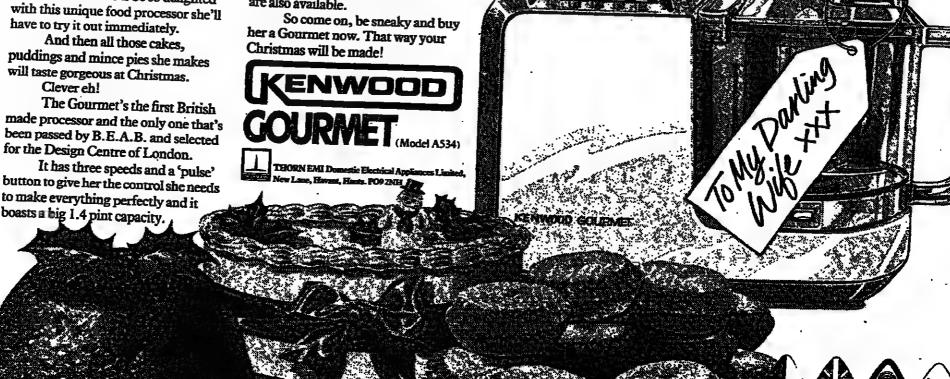
done by altering the law.

If the children born after Easter were not counted as existing in their first year at secondary school, college or university, there would be an outcry. Is it not time that well removed this injustice from those too young to speak for

Mary Gilbert

The author is head of a primary school

If she gets her present now, your Christmas is made. Here's a clever way to treat It also comes complete with your wife-and yourself-to something a unique soft ice-cream maker, and special. standard attachments, including even a Simply buy her a Kenwood spatula. Optional extra attachments Gourmet now. She'll be so delighted are also available. with this unique food processor she'll So come on, be sneaky and buy her a Gourmet now. That way your Christmas will be made! KENWOOD



THE TIMES **DIARY**

If Bootle fits

As a result of recent newspaper allegations about his private life, there has been speculation about the

political career of Allan Roberts, Labour MP for Bootle.

Should Roberts resign, there will be much SDP interest in his vacated seat, particularly by the party president, Shirley Williams. The recent boundary changes in Bootle took in 10,000 Crosby voters from the two wards in which the SDP have local councillors.

The SDP's newly appointed national secretary, Dick Newby, confirms that Mrs Williams "would be interested" in Bootle. "There are strong arguments why she should fight it, if it fits in with her other plans", he says.

A few notes

In the depression-torn 1930s, the unemployed entered dance mara-thons for the prize money - 2 phenomenon recorded in the grim film, They Shoot Horses Don't They? Phillips, the auctioneers, have brought the idea bang up to date to fit these recessionary times. Next Wednesday, 40 unemployed pianists well be recruited to play a new work composed by Phillips piano specia-list, Richard Reason, It is called "Work for Unemployed Pianists" and the pianos played will then be put into a Phillips sale. One of them is valued at £8,000. The out-of-work pianist chosen to play it will get a meagre £5.

Spoonfed

Andrew Lloyd Webber has acquired that air of complete helplessness that no megastar should be without. On holiday in Venice, and wishing to dine out, he was unsure about the procedure for booking a table. So he rang his secretary in London, who telephoned the Venetian restaurant of his choice.

No stand in

If Mrs Thatcher seemed well-rehearsed during the siege of the Iranian embassy in London in 1980, it may have been because she had had some practice in emergency behaviour. In his book Delta Force, Charles Beckwith, who led the abortive mission to rescue the American embassy hostages in Iran, records a conversation in 1979 with a visiting SAS officer who was observing an American emergency exercise. He criticized the Americans for using senior officers to play the parts of politicians. "You know, we play these games too", said the SAS man. "Just like you chaps, the military, the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign Office all participate. But I must tell you, when we

BARRY FANTONI



"The deterrent of ex-communication, my son, is quite different from its use"

Tricked out

Inter Commodities, a firm of City brokers, are offering their "high roller" clients (that is millionaire risk-takers) the "convenience" of some advanced technology to lug around. Called "the Box of Tricks", it is an electronic data system that through telephone impulses prints out not only an analysis of a client's current commodity positions, but provides up-to-date market information anywhere in the world. The size of a portable typewriter, it has been predicted as indispensable baggage for tomorrow's travelling

Miss-nomer

Fam Hardyment, spokesperson for the nation's mistresses, first came out of the closet with an article in The Times last April saying that mistresses should come out of the closer. Since then she has appeared in a television documentary about mistresses and in several other newspapers. Bowing to ex-marital pressures she is now reverting to her maiden name of Arnold. Her former husband, Peter Hardyment, has been besieged by telephone calls about his relationship with Pam and asked her to change her name.

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Audiences at the previews of Jean Scherg, the National Theatre's accident-prone musical, are not enjoying the beaujolais nouveau served in the theatre's bars and restaurants as much as they should. Each bottle is labelled with a picture of Jean Seberg, who, a few moments before, the audience had seen die tragically on stage.

Easy divorce is no answer

By Hugh Montefiore

The greatest cause of unhappiness in our society today lies in family breakdown. With 170,000 divorce programme in which he was invited petitions annually, and more than half a million children under 16 to comment on my criticisms. responded with the words: "Bishop Montefiore doesn't know much about it". London Weekend Teleaffected by new divorces each year. this terrible social evil deserves far vision has refused me the opportunity to reply.

The main provision of this Bill is to place an absolute bar on petitions for divorce during the first year of marriage. As it now stands, the position is less clear-cut. A petition in England and Wales may be presented after the first three years. unless the case is one of exceptional depravity on the part of the respondent, or of exceptional hardship on the part of the petitioner. But what precisely do "exceptional depravity" or "exceptional hard-

Furthermore, if a speedy divorce is required, there is a tendency to "beef up" the circumstances surrounding the alleged irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, thus increasing bitterness and recrimi-nation. The present law must be changed - but not in the way now

There are real objections to so short a bar as one year. A marriage can hardly be said to have "irretrievably broken down" during its first few months; it has barely started. Difficulties of adjustment frequently occur which a little more determination can overcome.

But why should a partner that possibility is preferable to persevere? The proposed legislation another marriage failure following will make it possible for a person to on the first breakdown. be legally married to two different partners within 18 months of the first marriage - hardly a contri-bution to the stability of marriage. If marriage can be ended almost as soon as it begins, there is no real possibility of reconciliation.

If the first marriage was so disastrous that it ended almost when it began, what is required is a pause for reflection and perhaps reconcili-ation, rather than freedom to rush headlong into a second marriage which could be equally disastrous. A pause of three years is no more using the law as a weapon to impose some people's moral views on those who don't hold them" (as the Lord Chancellor alleged in that television interview) than his own requirement of a one-year bar on the presentations of petitions.

Urgent relief is sometimes needed for people in impossible situations after one year of marriage. But there is no bar on petitions for a decree of judicial separation, which differs in its legal effects only in that it does not permit remarriage. It may be converted after three years into a decree of discouries.

It can be objected that to impose an absolute bar on petitions for divorce during the first three years of marriage, and to allow only petitions for judicial separation, is to encourage adultery, but surely-even

At a time when steps should be taken to rehabilitate the family as a stabilizing influence in society, there is a danger that those who take their basic morality from what the law permits will increasingly view marriage as a temporary contract, to be abandoned when things get difficult, even, if need be, within a few months of undertaking it.

Churchmen have a legitimate fear about this progressive erosion. At present the clergy of the Church of England act as registrars for the state, so that marriages solemnized in the parish church are entered in its register books. But there can come a stage when the state's view of marriage is so different from that of the church, that the church can no longer recognize (as it does at present) that there is no difference in essence between civil and occlesiastical marriage.

At that stage the church would have to insist on universal civil registration followed (by those who want it) by a church wedding Most clergy would view this prospect with great reluctance; but if present trends continue, it would seem

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Philip Jacobson reports on US attempts to stabilize El Salvador

Why the arm's length army may fail

more attention than it is given.

The present government professes

itself concerned about the family.

and only last week the Lord Chief

Justice declared it to be The most

important ingredient of a stable society. Yet little is actually done to

remedy the situation, even though

the total cost to the country is about

£1,000m a year, to say nothing of unquantifiable costs in human

suffering.
In this field the law has only

limited power. It cannot prevent

people making foolish marriages,

nor can it reconcile bitter and warring partners. But the law has an

essential role. It must enable, with the maximum of dignity and the minimum of pain and recrimi-

nation, the lega; dissolution of marriages which have become intolerable. It must give priority to the welfare of children who suffer

from a situation not of their own

making. It must ensure that financial relief in matrimonial

proceedings is just and fair.

The newly published Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill att-

belief that it fails but those of us who

criticize it are apt to be given short

San Salvador Leonardo Contreras Iooks 15 and cannot keep a straight face when he claims to be 18, the official minimum age for enlisting in the Salvadorean army, which he did a few months ago. Private Contreras now wears the camouflaged smock and black scarf of the First Battalion of the San Vicente Cazadores, proudly flaunting the regimental crest on his T-shirt

It is on the fighting qualities of fresh-faced boys like him, some not much taller than their new M-16 rifles, that the fate of the Reagan Administration's ambitious, immensely costly "hearts and minds" campaign in San Vicente province, launched last June, now depends.

Cazador means hunter, and the lightly equipped, US-trained units like Leonardo's are intended to do what the Salvadorean army has signally failed to do before - carry the fight to the left-wing guerrillas who turned the onco-prosperous cotton and sugar-producing province into a wasteland of ruined charred

blown bridges.

If the Cazadores cannot knock the guerrillas permanently off balance with night patrols, counter-ambushes and relentless pursuit, the accompanying civilian phase of "Operation Wellbeing" is doomed.

Almost six months after its launch, Operation Wellbeing is about to face its first serious test. The well-armed, combat-hardened guerrillas who withdrew from the region soon after 4,000 of the government's best troops arrived are mounting a big offensive to wreck what has so far been achieved. in the opinion of Colonel Rinaldo

Golcher, the able Salvadorean officer running the show in San Vicente, the guerrillas seriously miscalculated the military's determination to see the operation through. When offensives elsewhere failed to decoy the army command into pulling forces out of the region the guerrillas were obliged to attack the pacification scheme head-on, or lose credibility on the battlefield. But, Col Golcher maintains, his men were ready, even eager, to engage them.

A series of limited but bloody encounters began late in the



Boys to the battle: government soldiers in El Salvador rest after a long struggle against guerrillas

summer, the tempo of the fighting has increased steadily since then. Only two months ago, western

military sources here were happy enough about the performance of the Cazadores in San Vicente. An increase in casualties among junior officers was cited as evidence of a new aggressive spirit where it was most needed. There were also instances of Salvadoran troops firing on each other at night, suggesting an attempt, at least, to contest the hours of darkness with the guerrillas. At the same time, it was claimed, the troops were providing a generally effective shield for the civilian reconstruction work in the province.

Driving around San Vicente's lush countryside, I found an impressive contrast with the dangerous, empty roads, strewn with wrecked vehicles, of six months ago. The cotton crop seems to be doing well: crowded buses and trucks hurdle past in the usual suicidal fashion. Relaxed government troops at checkpoints wave you through cheerfully with calls of "Todo tranquillo" (all quiet). But back in San Salvador, there is

growing concern in western military circles about the Salvadorean army's long-term ability even to hold its

Too many troops seem to be losing the will to fight, especially when the going gets tough. A sizeable contingent from one fresh Cazador battalion recently surrendered, with a handsome store of new

are finding it increasingly hard to persuade volunteers to reenlist.

The impression that control is erim arithmetic from the front lines. The army casualty rate in the year to last July was running at more than 20 per cent, and will almost certainly rise when the expected heavy fighting begins again.

Moreover, a distressingly high ratio of killed to wounded soldiers reflects continuing problems with medical treatment on the battlefield. Nothing demoralizes troops more than the knowledge that they may lie in agony for hours because helicopters are unserviceable and army surgeons overworked.

Most observers here consider that guerrilla losses are proportionately no greater - conceivably sharply lower - than those of the security forces. That is alarming enough in military terms, but the financial implications for the Reagan Administration's pursuit of victory in El Salvador are truly horrendous.

It cost the British government considerably more than £100,000 at today's prices to kill a single guerrilla during the emergency in Malaya in the 1950s. The Americans are fighting their proxy war in El Salvador on an incomparably more lavish scale. A single helicopter gunship costs more than £3m: field

weapons, after token resistance to tactics, cost £700 each: every guerrillas who had surrounded it, automatic rifle that falls into The elite "quick reaction" banalions guerrilla hands represents more than £300 of Uncle Sam's money.

Then there is the question of manpower. Conventional wisdom once again slipping away from the holds that government forces need government is reinforced by some to outnumber guerrilla enemies by victory. Doubling the size of El Salvador's 35,000-strong security forces would barely provide that sort of superiority over the country's estimated 6,000 to 7,000 hardcore guerrillas. Financing an expansion of this size would be a nightmare for the Reagan Administration, which already finds it difficult to get fairly modest amounts of military aid to El Salvador approved by an apprehensive Congress.

Finally, there is an aspect of the war in El Salvador which seems to have escaped the notice of strategists in Washington shuffling Central American dominoes. After three years of reporting from here, I am convinced that providing hastily-trained young soldiers with increas-ingly sophisticated and heavier weapons is simply not compatible with the aim of getting them into close combat with guerrillas in vital regions such as San Vicente.

Salvadorean troops fight bravely enough when they have confidence in their officers. But it is only human nature for taw farm how like

human nature for raw farm boys like Private Contreras to want to employ their ever-increasing range and furepower at the greatest possible

Master Kasparov v the man who never was

If you think chess is simply a foolish expedient for making idle people believe they are doing something very clever, as Bernard Shaw once put it, you will not attach much mportance to the contest opening at the Great Eastern Hotel in Liverpool Street next Monday. But you will risk missing a great occasion if you suppose it's just another duel between passionately gloomy Russians. The occasion is the semi-finals in the candidates series, to produce a challenger for the world champion-

ship held by Anatoly Karpov.
On one side, one might almost say, in the red corner, is Garry Kasparov, aged 20, the young man who bids to outshine, by his stacking brilliance says the attacking brilliance, even the greatest names of the past. And in the blue corner, the Soviet arch-defector, Viktor Korchnoi, just turned 53, whose very name has become anathema in the motherland of modern chess since he kicked over the maces.

Kasparov is a prodigy, one of those rare spirits who seem to be born to play chess like other boys and girls are born to run around the playground. At the age of six, his parents decided to give him music lessons. That same evening, it happened that they had set up a chess position from the local newspaper. Garry sat staring at the board, and next morning at breakfast suggested a move to solve the problem. No one had taught him the game. His father, somewhat amazed. PHS tested him on the notation for the different squares.





The prodigy and the non-person: Kasparov, left, and Korchnoi

According to his trainer Garry played rather weakly but differed from other beginners by his exceptional memory. He learned by heart the moves, results and scores of world championship matches. Garry never looked back. From

fourth category player, to third, to second, to first category at nine years old; to Soviet candidate master, enrolment in the correspondence chess school of the world champion Mikhail Botvinnik and on to become Soviet junior champion in 1976, Soviet Master of Sport in 1978, and International Grandmaster at the age of 17; to winning the super-powerful USSR Champion-ship in 1981, aged 18; to trouncing the field in the qualifying Moscow interzonai last September.

Personally, Kasparov seems rela-tively free of those self-destructive urges which have flawed so many champions of the past. He has an engaging style. With his shock of fuzzy dark hair and pale, concentrated gaze, he has the look of a West Side rocker, ready for action. He sits nervously at the board, continually shifting around, frowning under thick eyebrows, or he marches up and down, waiting for his opponent's move

Viktor Korchnoi, already three times a challenger for the title, was summarily stripped of his titles Honoured Master of Sport, Grandmaster and Master of Sport of the USSR, after his defection from the Soviet Union in July, 1976. In effect, the Soviet chess federation sought to declassify him, to rub his name out of the contemporary record of chess.

This has proved inordinately difficult to do, because Korchnoi refuses to lie down. He happened to be the second best player in the world at that time: ergo, his name was always popping up, much to the annoyance of the Soviet censors. So other Soviet grandmasters were

(unofficially) prohibited from competing in any international tourns-

Playing.

Not so Garry, who belongs to the new generation. He recently met the intrepid exile in a blitz tournament of five-minute games in Yugoslavia. It was this personal rapproachement which lay behind the high-level chess diplomacy for the rescheduling of his match after Kasparov had formally, forfeited the whole contest when the Soviet authorities refused last summer to play the event in

K v K must be seen as a political match as much as a contest of chess. For Korchnoi, the will to prove himself in exile, to rise above the system which he rejected, burns fiercely. He is first and foremost a fighter. If he could defeat Kasparov, it would be more than an extraordinary upset in chess terms; it would vindicate his stand for independence and freedom of choice in the most

To say this is not to type-cast Kasparov as the official representative of the system - 'e is too young for such a role. It i: rather, that Soviet culture, the whole apparatus which nurtures and develops chess talent so superbly, is in an obvious

sense at stake in this match.

The defeat of Korchnoi is an absolute sine qua non for Soviet chess. It places an even greater responsibility on the young shoulders of the wonder-boy from Baku.

David Spanier The BBC, kids playing at Blowitz, carries the lust for scoops to absurd

David Watt

The missile strategy that could misfire

inexorable climax of one of the most ridiculous tragicomedies in the history of the Western alliance which is saying a good deal.
Everything is topsy-turvy. Virtually
nobody left, right or centre – who
has studied the matter is truly and honestly convinced that these weapons have a satisfactory military justification. On the contrary, if they have any affect it is probably to weaken the link between Europe and the American strategic deterrent. They frighten the Russians, of course, but at what a political costi

The process of deploying them has destabilized West Germany, created havoc in the Low Countries, set the British in an upror and given the Soviet Union its best propaganda against the US for many years. Our politicians are having to grit their teeth and make speeches neither they or anyone else really believes, saying how splendid it all is and how much Nato security is enhanced by it. But it is perfectly obvious that if one takes into account the political divisions within the Alliance and the morale of public opinion, our security is weaker now than when the argument

competent politicians are supposed to keep us out of. So how did we get into it? The answer is that we were caught in a trap of our own contrivance. It is worth looking back to the debates of 1978 and 1979 (when the decision was cooking) for the rationale. The most important factors were:

Chancellor Schmidt's neurotic view of United States leadership after Watergate – particularly President Carter's. Here were these new Soviet weapons, the SS20 and the Backfire Bomber, pointing at West Germany and there was nothing to point back with except some old aircraft and the wavering finger of a discredited IIS chief executive. discredited US chief executive.

The desire of the US defence establishment, 'faced with Soviet strategic nuclear parity for the first time, to improve the credibility of American deterrence at the lower levels - i.e. at intermediate and battlefield range.

• The related fear of the Americans that they were going to have no cards to play in the next round of the arms-control negotiations.

All these factors pushed towards

the modernization of those nuclear Soviet territory. The Nato High Level Group (of officials) which was set up to produce a policy, contained doubters. "But," they asked, "won't you actually make it look even less likely that the US President will press the button to fire intercontipental missiles from the US if he can confine a nuclear exchange to Europe?" "No," replied the moder-nizers, "not if you put your nuclear weapons on European land (as opposed to on submarines). If American weapons are involved early on in an attack on Europe and might even be overrun, the US is bound to escalate and the link with America and the defence of Europe is actually strengthened."

The famous "two-track decision of December 1979 was the result after which everything was totally immoveable. Every change in the public position would undermine the West's bargaining hand with the Soviet Union; and since the main pressure for this was bound to come from the left, no NATO government dared be seen giving in to it for fear of raising US accusations of

weakness and even neutralism.

other great botches in history. everyone acted with the best of intentions. The execution of the operation was a disaster but there was nothing wrong with the objectives. It was obviously desirable to combine in one policy (a) maintaining a credible deterrent, (b) binding the defence of the US and Europe closer, and (c) achieving a better disarmament deal.

Credibility of the cruise as a deterrent and its credibility as a bargaining counter both depend on demonstrating its effective deploy-ment. This means showing that it could really be used and this in turn means specifically taking the launchers out of their bases to their random firing positions in the English countryside on regular outings. If they are stuck permanently at Greenham Common or other US airfields and obviously cannot be moved that are citizen. cannot be moved, they are sitting ducks unusable for operational

On the other hand, if it is argued that they need be moved out only in time of acute crisis, that is an extremely dangerous doctrine, be-cause it blurs the vital distinction cause it blurs the vital distinction between deployment and use. Every movement of the missiles would then be regarded by the Russians as the prelude to firing them and might therefore trigger off the nuclear war. For this reason the missiles peregrinations about Britain must be seen both by the Britain must be seen both by the Britain and the Russians as being as natural as the regular flights of F111s with nuclear bombs aboard or the regular sailing of Polaris submarines from Holy Loch to their stations in the Atlantic.

And yet in the present political climate, this is precisely what we cannot achieve. The kind of operation I have just described would invite constant obstruction and sabotage from the peace movement with every possibility of martydom and propaganda. Not only that it is doubtful whether the public at large could withstand the storm of anti-Americanism that would be unleashed. Naturally the tooth would be from the missiles were troth would be than the missiles were there because we asked for them, and would be almost impossible to fire without our consent. But that is not how it would appear.

It is when one looks at these practical political considerations that the attractions of some kind of joint Anglo-American physical control of the weapons, a dual-key system, become almost overwhelming Of course it should not (as Michael Heseltine piously pro-claims) be necessary to question the existing US undertaking to consult us before firing the missiles; but now that the question has in fact been raised, a political arrangement is probably the only thing that will actually produce the desired consen-

The British Government resists this solution because, it is said, the Americans would give us control only if we purchase the missiles at a prohibitive cost. The US for its part wants to dissuade us from demanding something they dare not give the West Germans. Yet if, now that we have the wretched weapons, they are obviously useless and threaten in any case to go on poisoning our relationship with the US, both governments ought surely to regard the dual-key as the least of the available evils and the best way of achieving the objects for which so much political capital has been

Philip Howard

Taking the cover off the booked-up scoop

A scoop is champagne to journalists, though it may be caviare to the general reader. Scoop; a story which a Sunday newspaper labels "exclus-ive" to indicate that the opposition did not consider it worth printing; less technically, a lie.

Of course, scoops are the red meat of journalism, and sell newspapers. The Times made its name and its fortunes by publishing the news, for example of Wellington's campaigns in Spain, before anybody else. The greatest scoop of all time was probably on Saturday, July 13, 1878, when we published in our later editions the preamble and text of the Treaty of Berlin at the very moment that Bismarck and the other statesmen of Europe were signing the secret document

It is a Le Carré plot, with the wrong hat being picked up in a restaurant every day, documents stitched in the lining of coats, a photographic memory, and a mid-night train across Europe to the unsuspecting telegraph office at Brussels. It was a famous journalistic triumph. Nevertheless, it is possible that Henri de Blowitz, the flamboyant Times correspondent who scooped the world and astonished Bismarck, was more im-pressed by his achievement than the ordinary reader of The Times, who was presented with 57 pretty complex clauses first in French, then in English, over tea.

Breaking the news first is still a prime function and ambition of newspapers. But I think it is carrying the ambition too far to apply it to book reviewing. Some books are sensational and newsy, usually bad books. With such books the news has to be broken no later than anybody else, on publication day, Serious books are concerned with the imagination and the intellect, and it does not make a blind bit of difference when the review appears. Those who take an interest in such matters are going to read it anyway, to carry on the national debate between authors, readers and critics.

lengths. That is why the presentation of the Booker Prize has been turned into a farcical media circus. It insists on absolute priority and exclusivity if it is going to "review" a book. Different departments at the BBC fight to accop each other. If Bookplate has agreed to puff a book, Spectroscope will not look at it.

We had a jolly instance the other day. Lord Denning's latest book, The Closing Chapter (and I bet it is not), arrived in the office a week before publication. It is news to The Times, because in it Lord Denning says that he decided to retire after a leader in the paper. My scoop-hound news masters wanted to publish the news as soon as possible, if possible before anybody else. So I telephoned the publisher, the noble house of Butterworth, to seek permission to break the embargo of publication

Butterworth turned collectively pale. Hello Chaps, or some other influential BBC programme, had agreed to interview Denning on the eve of publication. If *The Times* scooped them, they might withdraw their offer in a huff. Publishers are wet about the BBC's outrageous demands.

The story has a happy ending. By one of the little accidents of publishing, the book's publicity handout (for the benefit of literary editors who cannot read) pot the publication dane wrong a week early. So, playing by the book, we went ahead to publish and be damned. Hello Chaps, of course and natch, went shead with their interview with Denning anyway - he gives a good interview. And we shall review the book in good time.

I have news for you, dear friends at Butters. Allowing two days in each direction for the first-class mail, and two days for the deeply wonderful technology of photocom-position to set the review, my eminent and busy reviewer is barely left with one day to read and review an important book for publication that week. We shall have to wait. And it will be worth waiting for-

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have survived - any more than the wartime alliance with Stalin survived - if post-war Yugoslavia had remained in the Soviet orbit as the brutal, Stalinist dictatorship which it showed signs of becoming in its early days. But in 1949 it broke with Stalin, who retaliated with an economic boycott, so it turned to the West for help and gradually became a more open and liberal

often at premium prices. Russia is

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Britain's special relationship

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foodstuffs, represent some small sacrifice by the Soviet Union, but most of the machinery and many of the other manufactures are virtually

Finally, you talk of the Russians allowing Cuba to run an annual trade deficit of "several hundred million roubles". This is only true of the last two years, with the total deficit in 1975-80 at about 700 million roubles the other way. But all these figures are simply windowdressing, since all the trade is barter.

What is more, it has been

P.O. Box 7, 200 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ. Telephone: 01-837 1234 OFF TO A PATCHY START Mr Lawson concluded his econ-

1984. Although these figures are above those expected by most independent forecasting groups. omic statement yesterday by saying that he intended sticking to and, indeed, reinforcing" the they are realistic. If they are met, sound financial policies so far tax revenues will improve and pursued by the Thatcher government. If this remark is seriously

social security costs will be lowered. That should permit a meant the Chancellor has a great fall in the PSBR - but Mr Lawson is leaving his PSBR/GDP target exactly the same as Sir Geoffrey Howe's. and the next Budget. The

Also important is the need to adjust the PSBR target for the more ambitious programme of special asset sales on which the Government has embarked. Receipts from these sales reduce the PSBR, but are not a permanent source of revenue. It would be quite wrong to have either higher spending or tax cuts in the years when they are taking place. But, by keeping to the original 1984/85 PSBR target, Mr Lawson has created a risk that this might be allowed to

It is not easy, using official sources, to quantify the problem. The Treasury's document on the Autumn Statement 1983 gives a figure for special assets sales £400m higher than that in the last expenditure White Paper. If yesterday to make his mark on Mr Lawson is really committed to "sticking to and, indeed, reinforcing sound financial policies, his 1984/85 PSBR target should be cut by at least this amount.

But the £400m figure is puzzlingly low and seems to make no allowance for possible proceeds from the privatization of British Telecom. If BT privatization does in fact yield substantial sums to the Governwill lead to 3 per cent rises in ment the PSBR target should be

The imprudence of using capital receipts to finance current expenditure should be so obvious as not to require comment, let alone emphasis. But the announced changes in the spending plans for next year show that it certainly does need emphasis. In paragraph 9 of the statement Mr Lawson notes that spending on health, social services and a number of other programmes will be above the totals foreseen in the last expenditure White Paper. In paragraph 10 he says that "these increases are offset by higher receipts from the sale of council houses and

In other words, the money from council house sales - which could well be above £1,500m. both this year and next - is being used to finance an overspend on the welfare state. This may or may not be what the electorate expects from a Thatcher government supposedly respecting "Victorian values". But if a true Victorian like Lord Beveridge were alive today he would probably be dismayed.

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some other areas.

Every Chancellor of the Exchequer seems to have a difficult patch in his first two years. Both Mr. Healey and Sir Geoffrey Howe had particularly uncomfortable periods in their early days. On the evidence of yesterday's statement Mr. Lawson's Chancellorship is conforming to the same pattern. He has much to do if public expenditure is to be brought under full control and more effective guidelines for fiscal policy are to be

It will be reassuring to Govern- clear policy, however, as in ment, and reassuring to public Cardinal Hume's statement and nal's analysis which will find opinion generally, that Cardinal many other secular and religious wide but not universal support, Hume has arrived by his own route at a qualified endorsement tone of dissatisfaction. There is from nuclear deterrence towards of the defence strategy of nuclear deterrence; but there is also a deterrence, as it was similarly nuclear arms race. The bomb reassuring last February when cannot be disinvented, certainly, the General Synod of the Church but both sides strive remorselessof England reached similar ly to invent ever more effective conclusions. Along the way, each ways of delivering it, hoping to was strongly tempted towards gain some advantage, or correct repudiation of this strategy. Each some disadvantage. Mutual had to negotiate an honest way antagonism is better directed into that than into fighting actual round the superficially attractive argument, especially attractive to war, of course, but Cardinal churchmen, that the possession Hume is not alone in asking for with the weadons. intention in certain circum- which transcends politics, transtances to use them, was morally equivalent to using them. Cardinal Hume, with a great deal of authority in his own church and much respect in the country at large behind him, has formally denied that equation. It is not entirely academic: those in the armed services with nuclear responsibilities in particular have recently been told that their duties were preparations for war current defence policy against crimes, and if this simplistic naive or malicious critics, polimoral analysis were to be ticians do not always display accepted, such startling consufficient appreciation of this clusions follow. imperative, though none. surely, In public anxiety about nuwould ever want to deny it.

A consequence of the cardinal's analysis which will find utterances, there is an urgent is that it implies a shift away greater reliance upon conventional force. There is a body of military opinion in the West already saying that on military grounds. It is also the course which is even more moral.

It is not an easy answer. In the absence of any nuclear disarmament agreement, the cost of maintaining a credible nuclear deterrence force will continue to be considerable even while conventional forces are built up.

STRUGGLING WITHOUT TITO

with Yugoslavia was forged in 1943, when Captain F. W. perfect in its treatment of opposition. Deakin arrived by parachute and Credit and grants flowed in joined Tito's embattled partisans from the United States and in their long march across Western Europe, together with military aid and political sup-Montenegro and Bosnia, thereby entering the mythology of the port. At first there were hopes in The Washington that other East relationship was scaled the European states would be enfollowing year when Winston Churchill, on the advice of couraged to take the same route. Even when they did not, Yugos-Brigadier Fitzroy Maclean, told lavia remained an asset as a nonthe House of Commons that aligned country steadfastly re-Britain would cease supplying the royalist forces of Colonel sisting Soviet pressure. Its membership of the non-aligned Mihailovic because they were not fighting the Germans. "We movement is still valuable today and has contributed to the he said, "proclaimed frustration of Cuban attempts to ourselves the strong supporters align the movement with the Soviet Union.

Against this long background the visit to London this week by Mrs Milka Planinc, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, has been particularly welcome. She has the very difficult task of trying to hold together a decentralized, fissile country in a period of severe economic stress. Considering the gloomy prognostications which accompanied the death of Tito in 1980, she and her colleagues are not doing too badly. They are surviving and

hard currency balance of payexpense of living standards. They appear to be arresting a political preference but econpackage this year. They have reasonable hopes of further help in response to their own efforts to put their economy in order. though many private banks are

system is really workable in the long run remains an onen question. Practically every decision requires the agreement of six republics, each stubbornly defending what it perceives to be its own national and economic interest, and each burdened by layers of representative bodies. It looks magnificently democratic on paper but comes perilously close to engendering despair in

Soviet exports, including machinery, oil and basic foodstuffs". I agree that Men in Havana the oil, or "swop" oil and basic From Mr Quinton V. S. Bach Sir, Your editorial of November 8

gives a generally fair survey of the relationship between Moscow and Havana, but with regard to their unsaleable elsewhere. trade relations it is somewhat misleading. Firstly, the Soviet Union does need Cuban sugar and when the Cuban crop falls below expectation the Russians have to buy it elsewhere for hard currency and

increasing quantities. with values fixed bilaterally. Secondly, you talk about Cuba receiving "a vast range of valuable

demonstrated that the Russians out a very high mark-up on the prices of commodities which they sell to their client states and it is reasonable to assume (though impossible to prove from the Soviet statistics available) that there is a similar mark-up on their industrial products.

The fact that a Russian car in England costs one seventh that of the same car in Cuba is, unfortunately, only an amusing irrelevance. Yours faithfully,

QUINTON V. S. BACH, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, WC2. November 9.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obligations under Case for more public spending international law

From Professor Hedley Bull

Sir, Roger Scruton, in commending the willingness of the United States Government to commit aggression (feature, November 15) tells us that international law cannot be en-forced, that there is no general readinesss to obey it, that govern-ments that do not obey the rule of law at home have no respect for it abroad and (if I understand him correctly) that the principles of international law do not apply beyond the boundaries of European civilization,

In fact international law is sometimes enforced and was re-cently by the United Kingdom in the South Atlantic, Overt disregard for clear rules of international law, like the prohibition of military aggression, is the exception rather than he rule

Unrepresentative governments are no more able than representative ones to avoid the political costs in the outside world of disregard for the rules. States of other than European civilisation, so far from being unable to grasp the principles of international law, in recent decades have played a central role in adapting it to the needs of our time. The United States, which expects

Yours faithfully, HEDLEY BULL, Balliol College, Oxford.

From Mr Max Jennings

November 16.

Sir, I do not claim to be an international lawyer, but I cannot allow Mr Scruton to get away with his statement today (November 15) that "it is only public opinion at home that can compel a government to abide by the precepts of international law".

Surely the whole point of the

subject is that when a state is attacked by another state it is then, and only then, justified in resorting

As if all that stood between the West and Soviet domination were Kant's proposals for a federation of Yours faithfully, MAX JENNINGS, 12 Eliot Place, Blackheath, SE3.

Dual-key control

From Mr Adrian Walker Sir, Professor Brown (November 7)

appears to be rather concerned about the management of cruise missiles, due to their possible prenuclear use as conventional bomb carriers or reconnaisance gatherers. Would he tell us how Russian military intelligence would be able

to distinguish between in-flight, nonnuclear and nuclear cruise missiles? Surely this is an important point of "verification". Without such a distinction the pre-nuclear phase is not likely to last very long. Yours faithfully, ADRIAN WALKER. Humberside College of Higher Education, Cottingham Road, Hull.

Buildings at risk

From the President of the Council for British Archaeology.

Sir, I am writing to support the plea (October 22) by the Chairman of the GLC Historic Buildings Panel for the retention of the Historic Buildings Division in the event of the Greater London Council being

broken up by legislation.

These proposals have further wider implications for the recording of London's historic environment. Earlier this year the division was responsible for the creation of the Greater London Archaeological Service. This service will coordinate excavation of archaeological sites threatened by development through-out the area administered by the

This rescue archaeological service, taken together with the Department of Urban Archaeology of the Museum of London, has at long last provided the capital with a comprehensive archaeological service. It would be tragic if this coordinated should now be disbanded.

The problem is not confined solely to London. There is similar concern for the provision of archaeological services in the other metropolitan county councils if they, too, are disbanded. I hope that in those areas the archaeological services will also be maintained in Yours faithfully,

TOM HASSALL, President, Council for British Archaeology, 112 Kennington Road, SE11.

Nyerere's experiments

From Dr J. G. C. Blacker

Sir, Mr Oscar Kambona (October 25) casts doubts on the figures quoted by Lord Hatch (October 10) of a rise in the expectation of life at birth in Tanzania from 40 to 52 years. It is indeed pertinent to ask where these figures come from.

In common with every other country of sub-Saharan Africa Tanzania has no system of registration of births and deaths from which valid indices of fertility and mortality can be calculated. Such measures must, therefore, be estimated from information collected in censuses and surveys.

In the case of Tanzania data on mortality were collected in the censuses of 1967 and 1978 and in a large-scale sample survey conducted in 1973. The 1973 survey data do indeed indicate a dramatic decline in infant and child mortality when compared with those of the 1967 census. Regrettably this decline is so dramatic as to be unacceptable. A

Has the improvement in our

From Mr Robert Phillipson

Sir, Your leader, "It depends on the rate of return" (November 16), rightly says that the case for more public investment must rest on firm economic and social arguments. But it is going too far to suggest that the recent fall in public investment can be ascribed to absence of projects which meet rigorous criteria.

The implication that anyone who

argues for more investment is relying on "old and discredited"
Keynesian demand stimulus theory
is amply refuted by your distinguished correspondent. Professor Christopher Foster (feature, November 15), who makes an entirely reasonable case for public investment.

Nor surely should you let pass without comment that the present Government, when in opposition, argued strongly for a better balance tween capital and current spending, yet has allowed the latter to rise eight times as fast as the former. It is Sir Geoffrey Howe who, more than anyone, is responsible for ensuring that Britain struggles out of recession with an economic and social infrastructure worse than most of its competitors and indeed worse than it was in 1979.

It was the same Sir Geoffrey who said in the Isle of Dogs in 1978: others to accord it a position of You can literally see the dangerous extent to leadership in world affairs, has more to lose than most states from and social capital that was accumulated by flagrant violation of the law. own. Resources have been diverted to maintain consumer living standards today, But no seed-corn has been saved for tomorrow

The Mosley papers CND and Mgr Kent

From Mr Peter Presland

Sir, The policies advocated by CND rely for their presumed success on tolerance, forbearance and good will in their country's potential enemies, but the treatment accorded Mr Heseltine at Manchester on Tuesday is yet another telling illustration of the fundamental flaw in those policies,

CND leaders may indeed deplore what happened but, if their own rank-and-file supporters are so manifestly incapable of showing tolerance towards their opponents in debate, what evidence can they adduce for any prospect of better behaviour by the Soviet leadership towards a unilaterally weakened West?

Human nature does not change but, despite counting a Catholic priest among their number, CND's leadership appears to be blissfully unaware of it. Yours faithfully,

PETER PRESLAND. 17 Stamford Crescent. Chase Terrace, Walsall, Staffordshire,

From Miss Mary Spain Sir, A simplistic point of view, perhaps but I feel deeply ashamed that my country, which I love, should be used to house lethal missiles, under the control and ownership of a country towards whose governmental policies I hold no personal allegiance, in order to terrorise another country on our shared planet towards whose people I hold no personal animosity. Yours faithfully, MARY SPAIN, Flat 6, 67 Gloucester Terrace, W2.

November 16. From Mr Alistair Duncan

Sir, Surely it may now be said that the mantle of Hewlett Johnson has fallen upon Bruce Kent. Is this to be considered an ecumenical advance? Yours faithfully, ALISTAIR DUNCAN, Travellers' Club, Pall Mall, SW1. November 15.

Cost of the EEC

From Mr H. E. Gilmour

Sir. You make an important and timely point in your leader of Nov-ember 7. It makes no sense to persist with profligate spending by the EEC at a time when increasing financial stringency is forced on each member domestically.

If we can make an appropriate cut in agriculture expenditure, less drastic cuts need be made in defence, education, and the health

Many of us believe no cut in agricultural expenditure will be achieved until we leave the Common Market. But surely those who want to stay in the Common Market should accept the challenge to insist on such a cut before the end of 1983, by unilateral action if there is no other way. Yours faithfully, H. E. GILMOUR, 17 Carlton Road, Ealing, W5.

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critical comparison of the data shows that the 1973 survey implied not merely that no children had died during the interval, but that there had been a resurrection of some of

1967. The report of the 1978 census has recently been released and it concludes that, on the basis of the new data, the expectation of life in Tanzania is of the order of 44 years This represents only a minimal improvement on the figure of 41 years estimated from the 1967

the children recorded as dead in

Unfortunately the margins of error attached to both figures are so great as to preclude any firm conclusions being drawn as to the extent, if any, of mortality decline, particularly since the questions from which the data were derived differed in the two censuses.

Yours faithfully, J. G. C. BLACKER, Centre for Population Studies, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 31 Bedford Square, WC1.

derelict inner cities really been so From Mr Peter Castle great that there is no longer any role for the public sector? Is our road system up to the demands placed upon it by existing traffic, let alone the greater traffic that economic

prosperity will inevitably bring? The teetering Severn bridge suggests otherwise. Does the condition of all our housing stock adequately meet basic standards? The answer must be no. It doesn't require enormous economic sophiscation to justify more spending. Is it too much to ask just why the

relentless pursuit of zero inflation or of lower borrowing are more important than the creation of real wealth? Is not the priority given to privatisation diverting attention from the need to sustain investment in sectors best kept within the public

And, in this connection, if the Treasury Chief Secretary really believes that privatisation provides the best means of solving the dilemma posed by public invest-ment shortfall, why has the Treasury yet to sanction the private Black Country route, which benefits roads users, ratepayers, industry and builders alike?

Yours faithfully, ROBERT PHILLIPSON. Director General. British Aggregate Construction Materials Industries. 25 Lower Belgrave Street, SW1. November 16.

From Lady Mosley

Sir, May I comment on your report (November 10) on the contents of the Mosley papers so far disclosed by the Home Office. The reason for what Nicholas Mosley calls Mosley's insouciance about spies in his movement was

that he had nothing to hide. 2. A certain number of members of the Armed Forces looked upon Mosley with favour as the one politician who called for rearmament and said it was dangerous for Britain to be the only unarmed country in an armed world. Later on, Churchill said the same thing. There is nothing seditious in this. 3. Mosley sought no contact of any

kind with Edward VIII while he was King, nor did he do so in 1937, or at any time until long after the war in the nineteen fifties. British Union's call in 1936 to "stand by the King" naturally ceased when the King abdicated. It immediately transferred its allegiance to George VI.

I knew my husband's thoughts on

the subject; he greatly regretted the abdication, but it was a fait accompli. The conversation about being loyal to the Crown, "but that did not necessarily mean loyalty to the present monarch," must be pure invention, since this was never his

opinion. I chanced to be present at the Carfax Rooms meeting in Oxford. Frank Pakenham (in 1936 a hearty rugger player) fought the stewards and was ejected, as were a few others, who had hoped to break up the meeting. Mosley, after this little fracas, resumed his speech to a large audience, took questions for nearly an hour, and was warmly applauded. William Joyce was expelled from British Union in 1937. Two years later he broadcast from Germany, a treasonable activity which had nothing to do with British Union.

In justice, the Lord Chancellor must now release the wartime 18B interrogation of my husband. Yours faithfully, DIANA MOSLEY. Temple de la Gloire, 91400 Orsay, France.

November 10.

Car tax evasion From Mr Clive G. Williams

> Sir. The Comptroller and Auditor General's report gives the impression that vehicle excise duty (VED) revenue is lost because the computer system at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre, Swansea cannot cope (report, November 10). This is nonsense: the computer system can cope with all the work that comes its way. The reason for revenue loss is the shortage of staff at DVLC and in local offices to carry

out enforcement work. Sir Derek Rayner was brought in by Mrs Thatcher to examine efficiency within the Civil Service. He looked at VED enforcement and concluded more staff were necessary to increase revenue and that extra staff would be more than cost-effective. The report merely confirmed what trade unions at DVLC have always argued. We have continually pressed management and ministers to provide more staff, without

So the reason why many evaders go scot-free is quite simply Government cuts. Many people are using this as an excuse to call for the abolition of VED and putting tax on petrol. People who call for this fail to consider the many consequences.

VED collection provides a means to check on a vehicle's insurance and roadworthiness. It will still be necessary to check on these regularly, so there would continue to be an annual registration, accompanied by a fee for administration.

Despite all the problems, enforcement of VED is continually improving. In 1983, we will deal with about 80 per cent of the offence reports we receive. Evaders should not take heart from newspaper reports implying that they can expect to get away with it.

Your faithfully CLIVE G. WILLIAMS, Chairman, DVLD Trade Union Side Office Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre. Longview Road, Clase,

Swansea.

November 11.

Holding Turkey to account

Sir, in your leader, "Cyprus put asunder" (November 16), you refer to the Treaty of Guarantee as being to all intents and purposes a dead letter". This is a most unfortunate choice of words in that it encourages by the declaration of independence of northern Cyprus, thereby recognizing "an existing reality", a unilateral act of aggression and usurpation by a guarantor power,

It may well be that Britain and the Labour Government of the time did not take effective action to prevent the Turkish invasion. Indeed, the embarrassing situation in which Britain and the Foreign Office found themselves is exemplified by the answer given by Mr Callaghan, when asked subsequently in the Commons committee examining the failure to act as to whether he was surprised by the appearance of the invasion fleet, that he had lived "in a constant state of surprise". Yet at that time and subsequently the fact remained that Turkey purported to act in defence of the Constitution and independence and territorial

integrity of Cyprus.

The declaration and recognition by Turkey and the authorities in. northern Cyprus of independence on the basis of "an existing reality" removes all semblance of legality from the original occupation of northern Cyprus by Turkey and exposes that to have been no more than a preliminary act to the breach of the Treaty of Guarantee - a treaty entered into by Turkey with Britain and Greece, under which it is the guarantors' duty to maintain the integrity of the state of Cyprus.

To accept the treaty now as a dead letter would be to accept the dictate of the aggressor and permit those with whom we have entered into treaty obligations to flout them with impunity. Yours faithfully.

PETER CASTLE. 11 New Square, Lincoln's Inn. WC2, November 16.

Alliance unity

From Mr Richard Holme Sir, Sadly your leader (November 12) is right in one respect when it says that the two Alliance parties "are if anything, growing farther apart as the post-election weeks

This should not be so. Although both party conferences at Salford and Harrogate ruled out early merger there was a general will, expressed in resolutions, that there should be development of joint policy, joint campaigning initiatives.

and more joint organization. If the first steps had been taken in each of these areas at a national level the SDP and Liberal Party would already have been set on convergent paths towards eventual unity, as the voters want and expect.

Such steps have yet to be taken, and meanwhile separatism has been elevated above common activity. This will have a profoundly damaging effect on relationships between the parties locally.

For instance, if the disposition of seats for Europe and Westminster can be decided with total mutual involvement locally and the closest cooperation nationally, Alliance standard-bearers will be chosen harmoniously. In a context of sharpelbowed competion, however, party chauvinism will triumph and rows will ensue.

This question of strategy and direction cannot be dodged any longer. Either the Liberal Party and the SDP move closer together or they will drift rancorously apart. That may please the party chauvin-ists on both sides but, more significantly, it will delight the Tory and Labour parties to see the prospect of a genuine third force in British politics die of self-inflicted wounds.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD HOLME 38 Murray Road, Wimbledon, SW19, November 14.

Farm tenancies

From Mr Stewart Deuchar Sir, Oscar Colburn (November 11) gave a masterly explanation of why the landlord/tenant system is in disastrous decline and why this process should be reversed, but his suggestions for remedying the situation seem to be founded on hope rather than realism.

i cannot for the life of me see why we shouldn't simply scrap all the misguided interventionist legislation of the past 35 years and revert to the free market which worked so well for hundreds of years. Yours faithfully, STEWART DEUCHAR, Dean Farm, Singleborough, Milton Keynes,

Slightly off

Buckinghamshire, November 11.

From Mr Kenneth MacGowan

Sir, I am sorry to disagree with Sir Patrick Reilly (November 12) on the colour of the wine that makes up un kir. I drank some kir with the Canon (not a bad beginning for a Chester-Belloc ballade) in the early 1960s, I think, and the wine was definitely white. After all, he did not invent the drink; he only made it popular.

I also remember drinking it in the early thirties, when it was known (and still is) as a cassis/vin blanc, or a vin blanc/cassis according to your

fancy. Yours faithfully, KENNETH MacGOWAN. 10 Wincanton Road,

Romford, November 14.

for the current fiscal year from £8,200m to £10,000m. The news

deal of work to do between now

contents of the statement indi-

cate slippage from sound finan-

The first disappointment was

the revision of the public sector

borrowing requirement estimate

cial policies, not reinforcement,

was hardly unexpected, but it confirms that the Government has failed to keep a proper grip on expenditure. Receipts should actually be higher than at first envisaged because of good North Sea tax revenues and more asset sales, implying that the overshoot on spending is even bigger than the £1,800m increase in the budget deficit.

Arguably, Mr Lawson has had little time to change the outcome in 1983/84 since so much was already determined when he became Chancellor in June. But he did have the opportunity the next fiscal year. This he has signally failed to do. The target for the 1984/85 PSBR/GDP ratio set by Sir Geoffrey Howe in his last budget has been retained. although a number of recent

developments suggest that it should have been reduced. Among the most welcome of these developments has been the upturn in economic activity, which the Treasury now thinks

national output in both 1983 and adjusted downwards again. established. THE CARDINAL AND THE BOMB

> something cise, and it is a plea scends the East-West divide, and voices the distress of common humanity. The megaton nuclear bomb is the nearest thing to incarnate Evil in this world. That we have been so far able to control it, and to do so to maintain the peace, is a strange paradox. The Cardinal notes a fundamental imperative to seek some other way. In defending

in which the nuclear threat was receding. This is not the drift of present British - or Western defence policy. At present we have the benefit of a peace kept by a relatively low nuclear threshold. When cardinals and generals are raising it, for their own different but complimentary reasons, governments must listen to moral and military

arguments about the next step

This has all sorts of implications. But such is the general nuclear nervousness in society, public opinion may prefer to bear the cost of this if it heraided a future

November 7.

beyond nuclear deterrence. place, though still far from showing every sign of not wishing to continue as chronic debtors in perpetual search of help. They have reduced their ments deficit, mostly at the

worrying tilt towards trade with the Soviet Union, caused not by omic need. They have won sufficient confidence from the World Bank, the IMF and the private banks to have signed a large re-scheduling and new loan

still hesitant. But whether the Yugoslav



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT **CIRCULAR**

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 17: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother today visited
Hertfordshire, and in the morning
opened the Abbotswood Housing
project. St Ralphael's. Barvin Park
at Potters Bar.
In the afternoon Her Majesty
opened Elizabeth House, a Home
for the Elderly, at Welwyn Garden
City.

City.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston
and Sir Martin Gilliat were in

BLICKINGHAM PALACE November 17: The Princess Arme.

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Mrs Mark Phillips. Parron of the
Riding for the Disabled Amociation.

this evening visited the Hyde Park
Group (Organiser Mrs H. Cartisle)

at Knightsbridge Barracks, London.

SWI. Miss Victoria Leggo-Bourke was N' ARUMDANCE. K'ENSINGTON PALACE November 17: The Prince of Wales, Patron, the South Atlantic Fund, raide, the South Attention Palace, received the Chairman of the Trustees (Admiral Sir Peter Herbert) and the other Trustees of the

His Royal Highness, President of the Royal Jubilee Trusts, and President The Prince's Trust, gave a Reception at Kensington Palace this

Birthdays today

Professor Sir David Bates. 67: Dr G.
H. Bolsover, 73: Sir Leslie Bowers,
90: Sir Kenneth Clucas. 62: Sir
Bruce Fraser, 73: Mr George Gallop,
82: Dr V. H. H. Green, 68: the Rev
R. J. Hamper, 55: Mr David
Hemmings, 42: Lieutenant-General
Sir Orway Herbert, 82: Mr John
Hosier, 55: Sir Alec Issagons, 77: Mr
Michael Kustow, 44: Admiral of the
Fleet Sir Henry Leach, 60; the Earl
of Malmesbury, 76: Dr Eugene Of Malmesbury. 76: Dr Eugene Ormandy, 84: Professor J. R. Quayle, 57: Sir Alexander Turner, 82: Lord Justice Watkins, VC, 65. **Forthcoming**

marriages Mr W. J. G. Baird and Miss N. B. H. West

The engagement is announced between William Julian Gardiner, younger son of Sir James Band, Bt, and Lady Baird, of Hill Corner. Bembridge, and Nichola Bridget Halsall, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Cecil West, OBE, of Hythe Kent, and of Mrs Bridget West, of 63 Moore Park Road, London, SW6. Mr S. C. de Candole and Miss S. E. Thorpe

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the Rev C. P. and Mrs de Candole, of Wimborne, Dorset, and Sne, daughter of Mr B. Thorpe, of Wobarn Sands, Bedfordshire, and Mrs M. E. M. Carter, of Grayshott, Hampshire.

Mr C. Carey and Miss J. M. Sani

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. K. Carey, of Enfield, and Judith Mary, only daughter of Professor and Mrs S. B. Saul, of Heslington. York. M. H. Chissolean and Miss R. Alexander

The engagement is announced between Hugues, elder son of M Mr. Macpherson Chissoleau. of Paris, and M and Miss F. M. McConnel
Courrier, of Cameroon, and Rosalind Anne, elder daughter of Mr W.

R. Alexander, of Ryland Lodge,
Dunblane, Perthshire, and Mrs G.
Dobry, of 40 Chester Row, London,
J. W. McConnel, of Lettrick,
SW1.

Nir D. Duckbouse and Miss C. Gysin

Mr S. T. Cheres and Miss M. M. Forde

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Dr and Mrs P. B. Cheves, of Cherry Croft, Kings Langley, Herifordshire, and Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. B. Forde, of Brook House, Moreton Morrell, Warwick

Dr C. J. Hartley and Miss A. F. Partie

The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs W. Hariley, of Sandycroft, Clwyd, and Anna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. G. Pattie, of Newport, Isle of Wight. Mr A. J. K. Glasspool and Miss C. D. Robertson

The engagement is announced hetween Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. G. Glasspool, of lichen Abbas. Hampshire, and Clare, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. Robertson, of Falmouth, Cornwall. Dr J. S. Havard

and Dr H. .) Dung The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr C. W. H. Havard, of Regents Park, London, and Mrs M. Havard-Miller, of Camden Town, London, and Hilary, daughter of Mr C. S. Dunn, and the late Mrs H. L. Dunn, of Winslow, Buckinghamshire.

The Princess of Wales, Parron of the British Deaf Association, this afternoon visited the Association's tional industries at the Savoy Hotel, Headquarters in Carlisle, Cumbria. Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs George West, Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, and Mr Victor Chapman, travelled in an

KENSINGTON PALACE November 17: The Princess Marga-ret. Countess of Snowdon. as President of the Royal Ballet, this afternoon visited the Royal Ballet School at White Lodge, Richmond. The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in

aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Her Royal Highness was present this evening at a Ball held by American Medical International Hospitals Limited Staff Association at the Grosvenor House Hotel in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

Mrs Jane Stevens was KENSINGTON PALACE

November 17: Princes Alice.
Duchess of Gloucester today visited
Swavesey Village College, Cambridge, in connexion with their
Silver Jubilee celebrations.
Miss Jame Egenton Warburton
was in attendance. YORK HOUSE

November 17: The Duke of Kent, A memorial service for Sir Donald Vice-Chairman of the British Allen will be beld today at noon at Overseas Trade Board, today St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall.

University news

Elections
St Hugh's College; Viscount Tonypandy, former Speaker of the House of Commons, and Sir Walter Marshall, Chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, have been elected to honorary fellowships. Strathelyda Mr Malcolm Williamson, Master of tax paid:

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs A. Harrison and the late Mr M. T. Harrison, and Frances (Fay), daughter of Mr and Mrs H. P. Murray, both of Taunton, Somerset.

The engagement is announced

between Alistan Authony, third son of Mr and Mrs A. G. Hopkins, of Oxted, Surrey, and Sally Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Jones, of Caterham, Surrey. Mr C. G. Jones and Miss L. West

The engagement is announced between Clive Glyn, only son of Mrs M. Jones, of Langley, Berkshire, and the late Mr A. Jones, and Lynn, only daughter of Mrs and Mrs L. D. West, of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S. Kenney and Miss R. Ashcraft

The engagement is announced between Scott, son of Mr and Mrs David Kenney, of Atlanta, Georgia, and Rebecca Ashcraft, daughter of The Rev Dr Frank and Mrs Mauldin McClain, of Winnetka,

Mr T. H. Olsen and Miss C. E. Currie

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F. Oisen, of Airdeny, Taynuilt, Argyll, and Carol, oldest daughter of Mr Cecil Gysin, of Dippenhall. Surrey, and Mrs Vera Gysin, of Cambridge.

Mr S. T. Cheres

Mr R. O'D. Poulden

and Miss G. S. de Give
The engagement is announced
between Richard, son of Edward
Poulden, CBE, and the late Valerie Pounden, Col., and the may reacter Pounden, of Tibbiwell House, Painswick, Gloucestershire, and Ghislaine, daughter of Paul and Eleanor de Barsy de Give, of Foster Crossing, Southampton, New York. Dr J. T. L. Smith

and Miss S. V. Wooldridge

Smith, of Penarth and Zambia, and Sarah Virginia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. F. Wooldridge, of Worfield, Bridgnorth, Shropshire. Mr C. H. Truman and Miss L. C. H. Green The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs

Kenneth Truman, of Souldern, Oxfordshire, and Laura, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Green, of Wimbledon. Mr R. F. G. Winfrey and Miss J. L. Clarke The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr

and Mrs R. F. Winfrey, of Helford, Cornwill, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Clarke, of Diptford,

Sir Richard Buckley was in The Duchess of Kent, as Patron.

this evening attended a Celebrity
Auction in aid of the Golden Jubilee
Appeal of the Christie Hospital and
Holt Radium Institute, which was
held at the Portland Hotel Manchester Mrs Alan Henderson was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE November 17: Princess Alexandra
was present at a Charity Evening of
the Lilybessa exhibition. The Art of
Living:, in aid of MacIntyre
Schools for mentally handicapped
children and adults, as the Alpine Gallery, London W1.
Miss Mona Minchell was in attendance.

A service of thunksgiving for the life and work of Sir Brace White will be held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Thursday, December i. at noon.

A memorial service for Dr S. Leonard Simpson will be held at St James's Church, Psecadilly, on Monday, December 12, at noon,

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Professor Paul Matthews, former vice-chairman of Bath University, to be chairman of the Radioactive

Latest wills Latest estates include (net, before

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Mr Malcohn Williamson, Master of tax paid):
the Queen's Music, has been Boyd-Carpenter, Alison Joan, of appointed visiting Professor of South Petherton, Somerset £356,537

Service dinners

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Commande-us-Cinet, Navai Home Command, was the guest of bonour at a mess guest night, held yesterday at the Royal Navai College, Greenwich, The commander of the college, Commander A. H. F. Wilks, presided. TAVR Association for Greater

The Territorial Auxiliary and The Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for Greater London held a dinner last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Cheisea. Colonel G. S. P. Carden presided and among those present were General Sir Robert Ford, Major-General R. E. J. Gerrard-Wright. Brigadier J. B. Birkett, commanding officers of London units and members of the London units and members of the association.

Service reunion Clover Club (8th Indian Division)
The Clover Club held a reunion last night in HM Tower of London. Brigadier H. B. Cubitt-Smith presided and Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Pettifar was the guest.

Luncheons

Corporation of London gave a luncheon at Mansion House yesterday in honour of the President of Yugoslavia and M Zvonimir Planinc. The Lord Mayor and Sir John Donaldson, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies,

the Sherriffs and their ladies, received the guesia.

Antong those present were:

M Zivorad Kovacevic, M Mirico Ostolic, the Ambassador of Vugoslavia and Mirie Stamentovic.

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and Lady Ebbaham, the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Mrs Lace. Mr Michael Foot, MP, Mr Peinr Shore, MP, and Dr Elizabeth Shore, Mr K B A Scott, representatives of Yugoslavia resident in London, representatives of the

Memorial services

Sir Ralph Richardson
A memorial service for Sir Ralph
Richardson was held in Westminster Abbey yesterday. The Dean of
Westminster officiated, assisted by

Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor and Sacrist, Mr Albert Finney and Mr Alan Howard read the lessons, Lord Olivier, OM, gave an address and Mr John Gielgud, CH, read from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. The Right Rev Edward Knapp-Fisher and Mgr John McDonald said prayers. The Rev Michael Hurst-Bannister, Actors' Church Union, was robed and in the sacrarium.

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Among those present were:
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Herbert Richardson, Mass Windfred
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Richardson, Mrs M Philippoon, Mr and Mrs
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Richardson, Mrs M Philippoon, Mr and Mrs
Michael
Richardson, Miss Janet

British Moroccan Society Moroccan Society was held at the International Press Centre. Shoe Lane. on Thursday. November 17. the Ambassador of Morocco and

The annual dunner of the British 1983. The guests were received by Mme Benabdeljalil. Sir Georga Middleton, chairman of the society. and Lady Middleton. Among those present were Sir Richard Beaumont.

Mrs Patrick Wilson and representa-tives of banking and industry. Elf Aquitaine UK (Holdings) Ltd

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr P. D. Robinson at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr John Elton beld on Wednesday at the Temple Church. Canon J. Robinson, Master of the Temple, officiated, Master lan Warren read

the lesson and Sir Neil Lawson gave

an address. Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, and Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, attended.

Among those present were:

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Mrs Eton (widow), Miss Deborah Eton idaughtert. Mr and Mrs Laurence Anthory pondrelaw and Caushiert. Matthews children), the Rev Ganto Road, Mr Richard Read, Mr Richard

Master J. Elton

The actors Donald Sinden (left) and Robert Morley, arriving at Westminster Abbey yesterday for the memorial service for Sir Ralph Richardson

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Elf Aquitaine UK (Holdings) Ltd
The Earl of Lauderdale, director of
Elf Aquitaine UK (Holdings) Ltd,
was host at a dinner held last night
at the Houses of Partiament in
honour of Professor Sir Sam
Edwards, Chief Scientist, Department of Energy. Those present were;
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Lord and Lady Layton, Admiral Sir Institution of Mechanical **Eogineers**

Mr G. F. W. Adler. President of the institution of Mechanical Engineers, was in the chair at the annual dinner of the institution which was held last night at the Hilton International Hotel. The principal speakers were Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran; QC, and Sir Peter Carey. Among those present were:

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Stanley Williams was held at St Lawrence Jewry, next-Guildhall, in the City of London, on November 14. The address was given by Mr William Walker, President of Bacardi Imports Inc.

Among those present were members of the Distillers' Company and many friends from the wine trade.

Vincional Whitelesson, Cal. Lord Problems of the Council, Mr Barney Hayland, MP, Mrs Render Short, MP, the Hon Peter Brooks, MP, Mr Harvey Hinds, Charman of the Greater London Council, Councillon Nicholas Thompson, Deputy Lord Mayor of Westmitzener, and retransmitatives of night westmitzener, and retransmitatives of night continuations and manufacturing requirements.

Nominations for Commons select committees

Political Correspondent

The inter-party Westminster struggle over the membership of 14 Commons select committees, which will shadow Whitehall departments for the Parliament, was concluded yesterday with publication of 148 subminations.

If the committees were to reflect the balance of the House itself, nominations would have included 91 Conservatives, 47 Labour MPs and 10 representatives of the minority parties.

in the event. Mr Enoch Powell, the Official Ulster Unionist who had been proposed for the Foreign Affairs Committee, was rejected by Affairs Committee, was rejected by both Conservative and Labour members of the selection committee on Wednesday. The Tories have therefore gained one scat, with 92 nominations, at the expense of the minority parties; represented by 6 Liberals, one Official Unionist, one Pland Cymru and one SDP

Altogether, the nominations include 40 MPs who have been elected for the first time in June; 27 Conservatives, 10 Labour, 2 Liberal and one Official Unionist.





Science report

Voyage of discovery into the world's future weather By Bill Johnstone Greenland, Iceland, and the shores of South America to to the extreme, the high temperatures generated by the critical to determine therefore the carbon dioxide. in contact with the atmosphere

Scientists aboard the US research ship, The Knorr, now

ing substantial progress in determining how the ocean's surface reacts with its immediate atmosphere. The results could assist them in predicting the Earth's climatic patterns in centuries to come. Chief scientist on the research vessel is Professor Joseph L. Reid, of the Scripps

through the Atlantic from its

house in Massachusetts to

southern Africa. knowledge of the oceans on an investigative cruise in the Atlantic Ocean, are makand how they absorb gases and materials in the atmosphere is quickly becoming crucial to scientists attempting to deter-

mine the climatic conditions of One of the most widely held theories among climate re-searchers is that carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will build up in the coming

the globe's weather patterns.

If this should happen taken

Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, California. By next bouse effect which will May, the voyage of research will have taken the ship and cause dramatic changes in That is why the Knorr research is vital. Scientists

massive volume of water generated by the melting ice would increase the level of the oceans, causing substantial flooding around the world. Such dramatic changes to the environment could occur, many scientists believe, with only a modest change in temperature in the Earth's atmosphere.

believe that about half of the

carbon dioxide produced throughout the world is ab-

sorbed by the oceans. It is

carbon dioxide greenhouse

would result in a rapid thaw of

the polar ice caps. In turn, the

whether that behaviour will continue, whether it could be encouraged or accelerated and whether there is a saturation point of absorbtion.

So far scientists are aware that the variation in absorbtion levels occurs when the different oceans mix and the warm and cold layers intermingle. Oceans are divided into vertical layers where the surface layers contain warmer and lighter, less dense water than the layers below them. It is the behaviour, at least in the first instance, of the surface layers which is important since it is they that are in contact with, and consequently absorb

The ocean mixing occurs according to scientists at the

Scripps Institution, principally because of the flow of water from the Arctic and the Antarctic into warmer waters where the colder, denser polar water sinks. This layer behaviour is monitored by identify-ing "tracer" pollutants ab-sorbed from the atmosphere. Fluorocarbous, a type of pollutant in the atmosphere and tritium, a result of nuclear tests, are absorbed by the By tracing the presence and the levels of these pollutants

the scientists are able to determine what water has been

over the last 15 years or so, how the different layers of the waters have mixed and what route is taken by the oceans as they flow around the globe. Scientists aboard the Knorr

will also be studying the general behaviour of the oceans as they react with the The researchers will deter-

mine the varying temperature differentials in the waters and the levels of nutrients, phos-phates, nitrates and other substances present, so allowing them to determine the constitution of the world's Oceans. Source: New York Times

OBITUARY MR CHARLES MURLAND Financier and patron of ballet

Mr Charles Murland, Director of Minster Trust and its when he was applying his parent company, Minster Assets and former Governor of The love, ballet, to which he was known by Ballet School and of the introduced while at Cambridge. and former Governor of The Royal Ballet School and of the London Festival Ballet, died on November 13, aged 52. He had

been ill for some time.

Murland was born in Belfast. of a long-established Protestant family. His grandfather was a industry. And it was from these twin threads that he chose to weave his career. After attending Trinity College, Glenalmond, and completing National Service in the Royal Navy, Murkand read law at King's College, Cambridge.

In 1959, soon after graduating he was invited by the them Managing Director of Minister Trust, an Issuing House, to department. He was quick to develop considerable expertise in offer-

considerable expertise in offer-ing financial advice to small companies, first generation companies and ming com-panies, and within five years be was to take charge of the corporate finance department and become a director of the In that year Minster acquired

complete control of an ailing airline. British Midland Airways, and Murland was appointed to their board as Minster's representative. In the next six years, he, and a team of colleagues, turned British Mid-land from a company making a substantial loss into one making a substantial profit, so much so that British Midland management were finally able to buy

by Michael Wood, who was to become director of the Royal Ballet School in 1966. Two years later Wood invited Murland to become a governor of the school and in time he was judge and his father a business also to become chairman of the man, involved in the linen finance committee and honorman, involved in the interest ary treasurer of the school. In twin threads that he chose to 1975 he also became a governor of the London Festival Ballet.

His involvement with both these companies was never limited to balance sheets. He was close to the dancers and many were numbered among his immediate circle of friends, including Rudolf Nureyev, Indeed he was to become the dancers' champion and the selfiess way in which he fought battles on their behalf often caused conflict with those who did not see it as a governor's role to be so aligned. Charles Murland had little

patience with those who disagreed with him and an Ulsterman's predilection for not forgetting those who thwarted enemies; such a man also makes the deepest of friendships. His London home was open house to a wide wariety of people, but above all it was a baven for dancers, both from companies within this country and over-

He remained a bachelor. lavishing generous concern on his numerous friends and on his numerous god-children.

M BERNARD-MARCEL PEYROUTON

at the age of 96, was for a time Peyrouton was, however, one of the leading figures in the opposed to Laval, and it was he vichy government of Marshal who made the arrangements for Pérain, in which he was Laval's arrest in December, Minister of the Interior from 1940. He later at his own September, 1940, to February, 1941.

He later joined General Giraud in Algeria in January, 1943, after the Allied landings in French North Africa, and was appointed Governor-General But memories of his record at Vichy forced his resignation in June, after the arrival of General de Gaulle, and he was placed under arrest a few months later. A forceful, energetic man,

Peyrouton was for many years a successful member of the but in December, 1943, Peyron-but in Dece overseas postings. In 1933 he became Resident-General, and later Governor-General, in

M :Bernard-Marcel Peyron- arrests were made of opponents ton, who died on November 6 of the new regime.

ambassador to Argentina, a post he had already held a few years before. He resigned in 1942 and made his way from Buenos Aires to North Africa, His appointment as Gover-nor-General of Aigeria caused a

considerable stir, given his Vichy past. As pressure mounted he wrote to both Girand and de Gaulle, offering to resign and asking to be allowed to serve as a captain in the infantry, his reserve rank. The treason:
After the war he gave

evidence at Petain's trial, chiefly on the arrest of Laval. He himself, like other Vichy He joined the Vichy Ministry officials, went on trial before the of the Interior in July, 1940. High Court, but was acquitted and became Minister two months later. At that time he had been guilty of serious made strong, statements of support for the Nazi New Order, and during his time as Minister antisemitic laws were adopted, and large numbers of Germans.

MONICA STIRLING

Monica Stirling the novelist A Sniper in the Heart (1959) and biographer died in Lau- and The Summer of a Don-same, Switzerland, on mouse (1967) which was set in a

November 15. Born in 1916 she served as a war correspondent with the American army in 1944 and published her first novel, Lovers chaotic conditions prevailing in Italy in the last days of the war,

Thereafter she continued to publish prolifically, many of her novels reflecting her cosmopolitan upbringing in their settings.

Dress Rehearsal (1951) was a story of schooldays at a girls' boarding school while its successors, The Boy in Blue (1955), another tale of erotic passion; and Some Darling Folly (1956), both utilized Miss

Bavarian psychiatric clinic and leatured a suicidal young film star, and she also published short stories.

Miss Stirling was also known Aren't Company, a story of a for her biographies. The Fine love affair set against the and the Wicked (1957) chron-chaotic conditions prevailing in icled the life and times of the Victorian novelist, Ouida, while A Pride of Lions (1961) was a spirited as well as scholarly illumination of the character of Napoleon's mother, Letizia Bonaparte.

But perhaps her best received biographical essay was The Wild Swan which set the life of Hans Christian Andersen in the context of the constant European travel to which he was Folly (1956), both utilized Miss addicted and, while it might be Stirling's knowledge of French manners and of Paris in particular.

Amount later titles which addicted and, while it might be criticized for a somewhat cavalier approach to certain matters of detail, nevertheless Among later titles which infused its subject with its sustained her popularity were Sigh for a Strange Land (1958); ness and enthusiasm.

M ALFRED LOEWENGUTH

M Alfred Loewenguth, the violinist and founder of the Paris string quartet which bears his name, died in Paris on November 11. He was 72.

The Loewenguth String Quartet was originally founded in Paris in 1929 but it was only after the Second World War. after the Second World War that its reputation became international, particularly for its rendering of the string quartets ing chamber music as well as a of Beethoven, though it was children's orchestra and a strong on French composers school of violin playing. He also

Alfred Loewenguth founded a

number of societies for promoting chamber music as well as a played as a soloist

MR DELMAR BANNER

Germany, he studied at Regent Society. Street Polytechnic school of art. He exhibited at the Royal Academy, the Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours, the ford, CB, who died on Novem-

Among his Royal Academy 1964-71 paintings was a portrait of Sir Charles Wheeler, former president of the Royal Academy on November 7 at the age of 48, One of his best known portraits was director of social services was of Beatrix Potter, versions of which are at her home, Hill president of The Association of the Associati Top, near Sawrey, and in the

Mr Delmar Banner, the National Portrait Gallery in portrait and landscape painter, London.
died on November 8 at the age

Mr Banner also painted Lake of 87.

Born in Freiburg im Breisgau, member of the Lake Artists

Mr Edward Kennedy Stop-Royal Society of Portrait ber 6 at the age of 72, was Painters and at regional Assistant Under-Secretary of galleries.

State in the Ministry of Defence

Mr John Hamson, who died president of The Association of Directors of Social Services.

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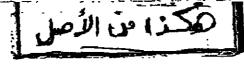
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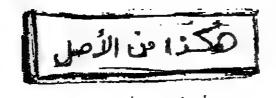
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Army Officer

Before Mr Justice Parker

[Judgment delivered November 10

Contracts the making of which was expressly prohibited by statute were always void ab initio and neither party to such a contract

could rely on any part of it. The prohibition in the Insurance Companies Acts 1974 and 1981

upon the carrying on of insurance business without the relevant

authorization from the secretary of

state was, on its true construction, a

prohibition not only upon performing contracts of insurance but also

upon making them and according-ly a contract of insurance made by

authorization could not be enforced

Bench Division giving judgment for the defendant, Instituto de Ressar-

guros do Brasil, in an action brought

The Bedford Insurance Company Ltd. upon a contract of marine

reinsurance which had been made

claimed for the premiums due on the contracts and as a result four

other parties had been brought into

the action,
Mr Steven Gee and Mr Mark V.

Mr Steven Gee and Mr Mark V.
Smith for the plaintiff and for the
first fourth party to the counterclaim, Gerald Herbert Ltd; Mr
Simon Tuckey, QC, Mr Gavin
Kealey and Mr Simon Kverndal for
the defendant; Mr Anthony Diamond, QC and Mr Stephen Ruttle
for the second defendant to the

interclaim; Mr Adrian Hamilton, and Mr Victor Lyon for the

third defendant to the counterclaim

Mr Richard Siberry for the second

fourth party to the counterclaim.

The defendant had counter-

Mr Justice Parker so held in the

ercial Court of the Queen's

by either party to the contract.

Limited partner's income tax relief Neither side can enforce illegal contract

Before Mr Justice Nourse

[Judgment delivered November 11] A limited partner was entitled to relief against income tax under section 168 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 for her share of the trading losses sustained amount of that share greatly exceeded the amount of her capital

contribution to the partnership, In a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division, dismissing an appeal by the Crown and upholding the determination of the special commissioners. Mr Justice Nourse held that the limited partner, Mrs Marjorie Young, was entitled to loss relief for 1977-78 of £41,423, her agreed share of the losses sustained by the partnership for the relevant period, that could be set-off against her general income.

In March 1978 Mrs Young

entered into a partnership agree-ment. The partnership, Monday Films (3), was a limited partnership for the purposes of the Limited Partnership Act 1907, that traded on a commercial basis producing motion pictures. Mrs Young was a limited partner, contributing some £10,000 of initial capital,

For its accounting period ended March 1979, Monday Films (3) incurred a loss computed in accordance with Case I of Schedule D of 1643.124, Mrs Young claimed relief for 1977-78 under section 168 in propert of her share of that loss in respect of her share of that loss, allocated to her in accordance with the terms of the limited partnership deed, that amounted to £41,423. She appealed against the subsequent refusal of her claim by the inspector Mr Jonathan Parker, QC and Mr

Robert Carnwath for the Crown; Mr Peter Millett, QC and Mr Michael Flesch, QC for Mrs Young.

Recd (Inspector of Taxes) v MR JUSTICE NOURSE said and its profits for a given period. that the question was whether the fact that a limited partner was not but it was necessary to state it in liable for the debts of the firm order to detect the fundamental of an ordinary partnership.

Limited partnership was intro-

duced in England by the Limited Partnership Act 1907. By then its utility must largely have been overtaken by the advent of the limited liability company.

The essential features of a limited of the limited stability company. partnership were that, first, there had to be one or more general

debts of the firm, and second, there had to be one or more limited partners who at the time of entering into the partnership had contrib capital and who were not liable for debts of the firms beyond the amount so contributed. Further a limited partner could not take part in the management of the partner-Those features apart, there was no

inordinate difference between a limited and an ordinary partner-ship. The result was that while the supine, with profits or losses as much or as little, as a sleeping partner in an ordinary partnership. The only difference between the two was that the sleeping partner might be rudely awoken to find that his lightling for the debts and obliliability for the debts and obli-gations of the firm was unlimited. The capital of a partnership was the aggregate of the contributions made by the partners. It was important to distinguish between the capital of a partnership, a fixed

beyond the amount of the capital confusion which underlay the contributed to it by her, required Crown's case. That confusion was that her share of its losses ought, for between the losses of a partnership that her share of its losses ought, for between the losses of a partnership income tax purposes, to be treated differently from a share of the losses and its liabilities on the other. The two things were different.

A loss, like a profit, was

accounting measure of the firm's performance over a given period. Liabilities, like assets, varied from day to day. Just as you did not make a profit by acquiring an asset, so you did not sustain a loss by incurring a

Partnership income was taxed on an artificial basis. The partnership was treated as an entity distinct from the partners, who were jointly liable to the Inland Revenue for the whole of any tax which might be apportionment of the income between the partners, so as to arrive at each individual's liability as between themselves.

The partnership was not taxed on the income of the year of assessment, but on that of the preceding year. That income was known as the statutory income. The income of a partner for any year was deemed to be the share of the statutory income to which he was entitled during that year.

What was the position of a partner in a partnership which made

a trading loss in any year of assessment? Section 168(1) pro-vided that where any person sustained any such loss he might make a claim for relief from income tax on an amount of his income equal to the amount of the loss.

Mrs Young claimed that the loss allowable to her under section 168 was £41,423, being a percentage of

total capital so contributed.

The Crown claimed that her allowable loss was restricted to £10,068, being the amount of the capital contributed by her during the period.

If Mrs Young had been a partner in an ordinary partnership, there could be no doubt that she would have been entitled to set off the whole of the £41,423 under section 168. Why should her position be any different merely because her liability to discharge the debts of the firm was limited to the amount of her capital contribution?

There was no rational basis for the suggested difference. The incurring of the loss bore no necessary relationship to the discharge of the debts of the firm. far less to their discharge of capital.

It might, for example, have been

possible for them to be discharged out of profits which had been earned and retained in earlier years and in respect of which tax had already been paid. The fact that there were no profits in hand in the present case was immuterful. The conceptual confusion was as vigorous as ever, a loss was still a

loss. Furthermore, even without looking at the terms of the agreement, one would expect to find machinery for debiting a limited partner's share of outstanding losses against his share of profits in subsequent years. And, even without the machinery, one would expect the substance to be implicit in the relationship between general and limited partners. If that was and limited partners. If that was right, how could it be said that a limited partner did not sustain a loss for the purpose of section 168? Moreover, a brief consideration of the material provisions of the

> MR JUSTICE PARKER said that the parties had agreed that two complete defences which, if successful, would bring the action to an end should be tried first before any other

ssues were dealt with.

The first of those was that the The first of those was that the original contracts of insurance, the plaintiff's liability under which needed to be established for it to succeed in this action, had been made without the plaintiff's actual or ostensible authority and had not been ratified by the plaintiff within a reasonable time, and that the plaintiff was accordingly not liable under them to the insured. under them to the insured.
The second defence was that the

original contracts were illegal, having been made in contravention of a prohibition in the lusurance Companies Acts 1974 and 1981, and that the plaintiff could therefore not

rely upon them.

Dealing first with the second defeace, his Lordship said that the plaintiff was a Hongkong company which had authorized Gerald Herbert Ltd to act as its London count. agent. However, the original contracts with which this action was concerned were, as the plaintiff admitted, made in excess of that authority.

in concluding those contracts Gerald Herbert Ltd had committed offences under the 1974 and 1981 Acts for which the plaintiff was

during the same period bore to the The Bedford Insurance Comthat their agent had acted in excess of his authority in some particular respect; it would have been different if the agent had had no authority to pany Ltd v Instituto de Ressagu-ros do Brasil and Others

make such contracts at all.

In any event, the plaintiff's ratification of the contracts, alrancanon of the contracts, al-though made in-Hongkong, tool-effect in London as a retrospective recognition of their agent's auth-ority and made it liable for the

It was clear from the Acts that the making by way of business of even a single insurance contract to which the secretary of state's authorization did not apply was illegal, as was the payment of a claim under such a

It followed that an innocent insured could not enforce such a prohibited contract as that would require the insurer to commit a There was considerable, largely

unnecessary confusion as to the

avoided, the plaintiff would have to rely on the illegal contracts in order to prove his case and accordingly he

effect of illegality upon contracts. In Archbolds (Freightage) Ltd v Spanglett ([1961] 1 QB 374), Lord Lustice Devlin had said that one of the effects of illegality was to Were it not for illegality,

prevent a plaintiff recovering under a contract if he had to rely on his own illegal act, and that another was to avoid ab initio a contract which was prohibited by statute or otherwise contrary to public policy.

Reliance had been placed by the plaintiff on the decisions in Spanglett's case, in St John Shipping Corporation v Joseph Rank Ltd (1957) 1 OB 267, 285) and in Shaw v Groom (1970) 2 QB 504), but in none of those cases was there an express statutory prohibition upon the making of the contract concerned.

In this case there was, and the original contracts of insurance were accordingly avoided ab initio. In so far at the decision in Blossome v Williams ((1824) 3 B & C 232) was inconsistent with that principle, that

Even if the contracts were not so

plaintiff had failed to prove that he had ostensible authority, the plaintiff had ratified the contracts within a reasonable time after their existence had come to its know-ledge, and it made no difference that the ratification had been made after the contracts had come into effect.

the corriery in The Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum Board v Kingham & Sons ((1889) 6 TLR 217) was not to be followed.

There would be judgment for the defendant on the main claim; the counterclaims and all consequent proceedings between the parties would be dismissed.

As there had been no trial of the merits of the counterclaim and its consequent proceedings, there was no basis upon which his Lordship could make any other costs order than that the costs of each claim should be paid by its initiator.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Elborne Mitchell & Co; Sinclair Roche & Temperley: Constant & Constant; Bentleys Stokes & Lowless.

Taking account of tax in damages Mr Michael Turner, QC, Mr lation of the sum required, and Howard Palmer and Mr W, D. Justice could be done, following Thomas for the plaintiff, Mr T, dicta in Taylor v O'Connor and in Scott Baker, QC, Mr Michael Lewer, Cookson v Knowles [1979] AC 556), QC and Mr Thomas McDermott for by increasing the multiplier which the defendants. Was to be applied to the annual of the date of trial. The support of the date of trial to the annual of the date of trial.

Attree v Baker

Before Mr Justice Kenneth Jones [Judgment delivered November 11] When, following the decision in Taylor v O'Connor ([1971] AC 115), it was necessary, to increase an award of damages to take account of the tax which the plaintiff would have to pay on income arising from them, it should not be assumed that the rate of interest on the capital would be constant at 4½ per cent or that the amount of tax to be paid

would remain the same each year,
Mr Justice Kenneth Jones so
stated in the Queen's Bench
Division giving Judgment for the
plaintiff, Mrs Mary Kathleen Attree,
in an action which she land brought
against the defendants, Mr John
Charles Easton Baker and Coopers
and Lybrand Associates Ltd., for
damages in recreate of the actions of the capital

In assessing the necessary increase in damages to counteract the
effects of that taxation, account
should be taken of the rates of
interest which the evidence showed

be divided between the pre-trial and

could in fact be earned on the post-trial periods. r capital.

It was impossible to make a Solicitors Withers; Barlow Lydo meaningful mathematical calcu- & Gilbert.

would buy with the damages, was likely to vary enormously over the

In assessing the necessary in-

action on such grounds. In this case, however, no prejudice to the defendant had been shown to have resulted from the

would therefore be dismissed. In Faccenda Chicken Ltd.

MR JUSTICE KENNETH date of trial. The award of damages should also reflect the fact that Mr Atree would have to be paid on the apension 28 years hence, income portion of the annuit, which for the purposes of calculation it was assumed the plaintiff would buy with the damages, was likely to yeary encomposity over the

In the generality of personal injury cases interest on special damages should be awarded, in accordance with the principles of Jefford v Gee ([1970] 2 QB 130), from the date of accident to the date of the late of trial at half the appropriate rate, and where a plaintiff contended that there were special circumstances making it unfair to apply those

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Kerr) so held on November 9 when dismissing an appeal by defendants from a judgment against them for £2,943

Joining new party to dispute over land

East Anglia Roman Catholic applied for the new party, who had biocese Trustee v Milthorn turned out to be the legal estate owner of the land in question rather than the original plaining, to be

Engineering Co Ltd.

Before Lord Granchester, QC

[Judgment delivered November 9]

In a dispute concerning the ownership of land, the court considered the effect of Order 15, rule 6(5) and (6) of the Rules of the Supreme Court (co. amended by Supreme Court (co. amended by Signering Co. Supreme Court (as amended by SI 1981 No 562) on section 35(3) of the Limitation Act 1980.

Lord Granchester, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, refused to allow the joinder of the Northampton Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee as a plaintiff on the application of the East Anglia Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee, who was in dispute with Milthorn Engineering Co Ltd over the ownership of a piece of land on the outskirts of Brandon,

Mr David Parry for the plaintiff; fr Christopher Heath for the

HIS LORDSHIP reviewed the facts and said that proceedings in the action had been started by writ on August 19, 1982. The defendants had established 12 years adverse possession commencing on October 5, 1971, so that the limitation period. Counsel for the plaintiff had property to be vested in the new granted if the limitiation period had had expired on October 4, 1983.

sum, and its assets which might vary from day to day, Equally

joined on November 4, 1983.
The effect of section 35(1) of the Limitation Act 1980 was that if the new party was joined on November 4. 1983, it would be treated as having been a party on August 19, 1982, that is, in time to stop adverse possession by the defendant for 12 years barring its own claim.

But section 35(3) stated, inter-alia, that no new party might be-joined in the course of any action after the expiry of the relevant time limit, in this case October 4, 1983. except as provided by the rules of court. The appropriate rules of court appeared in the Sixth Cumulative Supplement to the Supreme Court Practice 1982

Order 15, rule 6(5)(a) provided, as far as material, that no person should be added as a party after the expiry of any relevant period of limitation unless the relevant period was current at the date when proceedings were commenced and it was necessary for the determination of the action that the new party should be added.

original plaintiff to have an equitable interest in that property, which was liable to be defeated

unless the new party was joined, As the 12-year limitation period had started on October 5, 1971, it was just still current on August 19 when proceedings had been commenced. Furthermore, the Northampton Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee, the new party, did have the relevant property vested in it at law. So far the necessary conditions for falling within the exception to section 35(3) provided by Order 15, rule 6(5)(a) had been

But his Lordship was not satisfied that the plaintiff had an equitable interest in the property; it was merely a trustee corporation which it had been intended should be the legal owner of the disputed land. Even if it could call for the land to be transferred to it as trustee, that did not give it any equitable interest it merely had the expectation of being a legal owner. Accordingly, the case did not fall within the exception which Order 15, rule 6(5) and (6) conferred on

tion 35(3) of the Limitation

"Necessary" was defined by Order 15, rule 6(6)(a) as the need for

which the application had been

Revenue: Joelson Wilson & Co.

The necessary result was that the action had to be dismissed and the defendant succeeded on its counterclaim for a declaration that it had a better title than the plaintiff to possession of the disputed land. Solicitors: Witham Weld & Co; Gerald Jones & Co, Thetford.

Identity warning

Regina v McLeod

Where there had been a continued assault punctuated by two short gaps during which the assailants had retreated, and the victims identified the accused very shortly after that continuous period of activity, the warning to the jury set out in R v Turnbull ([1977] QB 224) was not appropriate even

The application for joinder of the criminal damage and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

Regina v Nelson

though identity was in issue. Lord Justice Robert Goff, sitting

in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) with Lord Justice Eve-leigh and Mr Justice Hollings, so held, dismissing the appellants' held, dismissing the appellants' appeals against their convictions for

Delay in counterclaim

Where a plaintiff had been guilty of delay, it was open to a defendant who had issued a counterclaim to let sleeping dogs lie and then to apply to strike out the action for want of

The principle that a counterclaiming defendant was in the same position as a plaintiff with regard to the duty to prosecute the action did not preclude him from succeeding in such an application relating to the main action, although in such a case the plaintiff might equally succeed in an applic ation to strike out the counterclaim on the same grounds.

Mr Lord Justice Ackner, sitting in the Court of Appeal on November 9 with Lord Justice Oliver, so held, dismissing an appeal by the defendant against a decision of Sir Neil Lawson, sitting as judge of the High Court on May 9, whereby be had dismissed her appeal against the refusal of Master Creightmore on January 21 to strike out the plaintiff's action for want of

prosecution.
HIS LORDSHIP said that the decision of the Court of Appeal in Zimmer Orthopaedic Lid v Zimmer Manufacturing Co Ltd ([1968] I WLR 1349) in which both the main action and the counterclaim bad prosecution, was not authority for the preclusion of a counterclaiming defendant from assessed application to strike out the main

plaintiff's delay, and the appeal

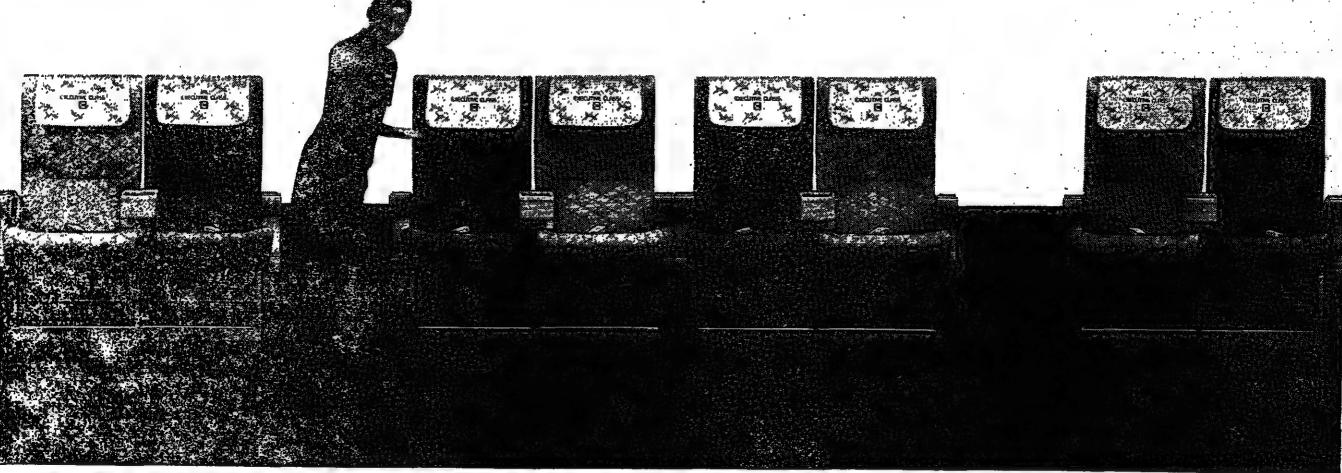
Fowler (The Times November 16) London agents for Shoosmiths & Harrison, Banbury, were Penning-tons, not Sharpe Pritchard & Co.

Facts needed in special interest claims Dexter v Courtaulds Ltd

the House of Lords in Graham v Dodds ([1983] 1 WLR 808) that the

principles, it was suggested that he should say so when claiming interest and set out the facts on which be

and a cross-appeal by the plaintiff in relation to contributory negligence



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Markets

unruffled

The autumn financial state ment of Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, had been largely discounted in the City before his speech and shares and Govern-

ment stocks barely changed

At the last calculation before the Chancellor made his state-ment the 30-share index was

unchanged at 722.8 points. After the speech it fell just 2

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Gilts: 83.14 down 0.38 FT All Share: 452.97 down

Datastream USM Leaders

New York: Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1251 down

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,416.95 down 13.86

Amsterdam:148.6 down 0.5

Sydney: AO Index 710.1 down 0.6

FT index: 721.8 down 1.0

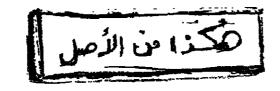
Index:95.89 down 0.27

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lawson casts shadow over interest rates

Money is not what it used to be in the Government's policy calculations. Hence, perhaps, the rather hopeful focus yesterday on the new monetary target, Mo, based on notes and coins, which was almost unchanged last month.

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CTS Reeled

The mainstream money variable, £M3, was confirmed as rising by 1.5 per cent in the four weeks to mid-October. After a good start to the autumn this is now up against the top end of the 7-11 per cent yearly target range at an annualized 10.8 per cent since February.

The wider monetary measure, including building societies, is over the top at an annualised 13.1 per cent so far. This is hardly likely to abate as the four weeks since have yielded the highest inflow into building societies in their history.

On this occasion, the worst interpretation of the money figures is bound to be the one that counts in domestic money markets and among foreign analysts. It ties in perfectly with the £2 billion overrun in the projected public sector borrowing requirement acknowledged by the Chan-cellor in his autumn statement yesterday. This is bad news for interest rates and the gilt-edged market, although not unexpected for readers of The Times.

In recent months, interest rates both here and internationally have been walking a tightrope. This has not, however, been any genuine expression of stability: merely a balance between those who expect money costs to rise in line with the world industrial cycle and those who expect high real interest rates to drop in line with falling expectations of future inflation.

The Chancellor's statement yesterday stayed on the tightrope, with poor current performance contrasted with cheerful forecasts about future British inflation and growth, putting the Treasury, at the head of the optimists rather than, as more usual, in the middle of the forecasting

The market's initial reaction was alnost off-hand, with gilts phlegmatically easing no more than an eighth and the share index dropping a minimal one point.

This, however, seems unlikely to last. Considering that the authorities have long seen the present level of short-term interest rates as the best that can be expected, and gilt-edged prices are near their peak, everything in the Chancellor's statement points to rates at best staying where they are. They are surely unlikely to

With building society interest rates already above market levels, the banks must be looking over their shoulders in that direction.

The real interest rate argument affects ly the foreign view of our markets and, if the honourable order of gnomes pins any weight on Mr Lawson's optimism, it well take more notice of the consequences for sterling of a 3 per cent 1984 growth rate, than a 4.5 per cent inflation rate.

Closing ranks

The picture might be different if the building societies were queuing up to ease the burden of borrowers after the record £1 billion inflow in October (bolstered by a further £300m from wholesale markets) and the prospect of another bumper catch this month. But they are not Even the Abbey National now seems less likely to break ranks next week.

Indeed, a new longer-term study by the societies will probably point to home ownership rising from about 60 per cent now to 76 per cent within a decade. The Chancellor's emphasis on council house sales can only confirm this leitmotiv in their thinking and their predilection for seeking to mop up what they see as a generation-long excess demand for mortgages. Never mind if their good intentions, reinforced by tax relief, are simply swallowed up in land prices. The logic is clearly to ratchet retail interest rates up whenever there is any doubt in the matter.

Singer suitors start lining up



Stoddart: thinking big

European Ferries' announcement that Singer & Friedlander is for sale has opened the door for endless speculation about possible buyers. The present upheavals in financial markets and institutions are a breeding ground for speculation.

Electra Investment Trust has already come out into the open as a possible suitor for the merchant bank.

Mr Michael Stoddart, Electra's chief executive, says there have been talks but "It is a very long shot this

As investment trusts go, Electra is certaily one of the most innovative and sympathetic to corporate finance deals, but it would be a big step for an operation which specializes in managing investments to buy outright a merchant bank with a disclosed net worth of £37m and a price tag of perhaps £50m plus.

It would be rash to rule out any corporate combinations in today's open season but Electra is not about to put in a firm bid tomorrow

Financial institutions, although not banks, appear to be showing most of the interest in Singer at this stage. Another possible candidate is Britannia Arrow, the financial and unit trust group.

It has made a play for Guinness Mahon, another merchant bank, in the past and would probably be acceptable to the Bank of England.

These are early days, however. Singer's main activities comprise commercial banking - the bulk of profits - corporate finance for the medium-sized corporate customer and a small fund management operation aimed at rich individuals. There will doubtless be many names yet to pop out of the potential bidders' hat.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New index to start in January

The Stock Exchange Council confirmed yesterday that it is to run and publish its own equity index based on Britain's 100 largest companies.
The index will begin trial

publication in January and in March the Council hopes for minute-by-minute updating.

The move was initially designed to meet the needs of the London International Financial Futures Exchange and the Stock Exchange's traded options market. But the FT 30 share index has long been considered unrepresentative of the market's price movements, so the new index could quickly replace it.

 Plessey yesterday reported a £7.3m increase in pretax profits for the second quarter of the year, producing a half year figure of £80.9m, in line with market expectations. The com-parable half-year figure was £66.9m. Stromberg-Carlson, the American acquisition Plessey made last year, turned in a loss Investers' Notebook, page 20

INTEREST RATES

Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 10 Discount market loans week fixed 8/4-9 3 month interbank 9%-91/4

3 month dollar 91% 91% 3 month DM 6%-6% 3 month Fr F13%-13

US rates Bank prime rate 11.00 Fed funds 9% Treasury long bond 101%-

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period October 5 to November 1, 1983 inclusive:

Letter to Exchange stops Henara launch

By Jonathan Clare

ling shareholder in Dixor-Strand claiming that the con-stituents of henna hair colouring powders could cause ear infections has stopped the public flotation of Henara, newly formed bair care company.
The flotation of Mr Sydney

Lerner's privately owned Henna (Hair Health) was to have been unveiled yesterday. The deal would include an offer for the public quoted Dixor-Strand cosmetic company with the combined group to be called Henara - the name through which Henna Hair Health's products are sold in Boots, Superdrug and I Sainsbury.
Mr Lerner's bankers, Klein-

this week by American Tele-

phone & Telegraph Co. of a 267-page document which is

widely regarded as its epitaph.

In the anxiously-awaited docu-ment filed with the Securities

and Exchange Commission, AT&T described how it would accomplish the enormous job of

divesting itself of the telephone

operating companies which have been the core of its

addition to seven new regional

business for 100 years.

Although the actual divestiture does not happen until January I, the SEC filing marked the beginning of the end of "Ma Bell", as AT&T is marked the beginning of the end of "Ma Bell", as AT&T is affectionately called by telember agences America.

Then, characholders must

Phone users across America. Then shareholders must From the ashes of the \$152 begin to struggle with the billion (£102 billion) divestiture decision of whether 10 do

will rise a new, leaner AT&T in nothing and keep their shares in

A letter to the Stock Ex- wort Benson, advised that the change from a former control- flotation be postponed for two weeks while tests are under taken after Mr Martin Vincent wrote to the Stock Exchange about the constituents of the henna natural hair colouring powders.

Mr Vincent rescued Dixor-Strand in 1980 with Mr Lerner. But in April Mr Lerner bought out Mr Vincent's stake for £2m Yesterday Mr Lerner said the

news about the allegations had come out of the blue late on Tuesday. "There is no way it can be true." he said, and quoted from a cosmetic direc-tory which stated: "To all intents and purposes the danger 4.9 of a 7 per cent stake a week from pure henna is non-exist-

End of the line for AT&T

From Bailey Morris, Washington

unprecedented undertaking, which is not dissimilar to the

planned privatization of British Telecom, has sent shockwaves

through financial markets and caused great confusion among-

AT&T's 3.2 million share-

been suspended to give analysts

and investors time to sift

what will be a newly reconsti-

Trading in AT&T shares had

Recovery fears recede as output rises sharply

By Frances Williams Economics Correspondent

The output of the British economy rose smartly by 0.9 per cent in the third quarter of this year to its highest level

this year to its highest level since the beginning of 1980, up 1.8 per cent from a year ealier. This comes after two quarters of unchanged output which had led to fears that economic recovery would fizzle out. But, as the Chancellor confirmed vesterilar, the latest former. yesterday, the latest figures suggest that the economy is still on an upward course.

The output measure of gross

domestic product is considered the most reliable guide to short-term movements in the economy. But it has risen more slowly than the income and spending measures which both point to rather faster growth. Estimates for these are not yet available - but in the 12

months to the second quarter this year the output measure has risen only 1.6 per cent, the income measure by 2.7 per cent and the spending measure by

This sharp rise in output took place despite a substantial rundown in industry's stocks in

MPs want

retaliation

for US tax

By Michael Prest

Early Day motion next week

calling on the Government to

include retaliatory measures against unitary taxation in the next Finance Bill after a strong

attack on unitary tax yesterday by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the

Secretary of State for Transport.

MPs are preparing to table an

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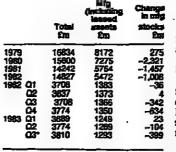
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the third quarter, which dropped by £665m at 1980 prices after destocking of £90m in the first six months of this

Manufacturers' and wholesalers' stocks fell steeply while

those of retailers increased.

The continuing consumer spending spree may have led to an involuntary reduction of stocks as industry scrambled to meet demand. But manufacturers also reduced their stocks INVESTMENT AND STOCKS seasonally adjusted at 1920 prices



Source Department of Trade and industry

of basic materials and fuel, perhaps a more ominous sign for the future.

Manufacturers' stock-output ratio fell sharply from 101,9 in the second quarter to 99.3 in the

relation to output, with hitle further scope for reduction if production continues to rise. after. But having been badly hit in this recession, companies are now maintaining much tighter control of stocks and will be reluctant to build up stocks to any extent before being certain

that the demand will materia-Covernment stocks extended earlier falls of about £% to the tize.
The Chancellor is relying on some stockbuilding to fuel full pound. continued recovery next year

He is also hoping for a significant increase in investment.
Official figures released yesterday show that capital

spending rose by | per cent in the third quarter, bringing the increase in the latest six months over the previous six months to 1.5 per cent. But investment by manufac-

turing industry (including leased assets) also rose, for the third, reflecting both a rise in third consecutive quarter, by 2 production and the drop in per cent. Over the latest six stocks, the lowest level since months, however, capital spring 1979, just before the spending by manufacturing downtum began.

This suggests that manufacin the preceding six months, turers' stocks are now at and more than a third below historically normal levels in 1979 levels.

rights issue was never in question. The group's advisors, Morgan Grenfell, and stock-

brokers Cazenove & Co and

Rowe & Pitman has said it would be impossible, a spokes-

Guinness Peat also took issue

with Mr Kissin's other argu-

ments. The spokesman said it

week's extraordinary meeting.

Dow rises in

active trade

New York (AP-Dow Jones)

Shares were firm on Wall Street yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up about 2 points and the transpor-

tation average by about a point.
Advances held a 3-to-2 lead
over declines in active trading.

American Telephone & Tele-

graph was up 4 to 63%; General

Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1021,9 up 5.1 127.9 Paris: CAC Index 144.3 up

Zurich: SKA General 294.9 Guinness Peat responded yesterday by saying that the fees were just under £500,000 and a

CURRENCIES

London Close

Sterling \$1.4785 down 55pts Index 83.9 down 0.1 DM 3.9850 up 0.0125 FrF 12.1150 up 0.0365 Yen 349.25 up 0.25

was not surprising he had resigned after the events at this Index 128.4 up 0.6 DM 2.6985 NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1.4780 Dollar DM 2.6965

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London fixed (per ounce): am \$376.50 pm \$375.75 close \$374.50-\$375.25 (£253.25-£253.75) New York (close): \$375.75 Krugerrand* (per coin): \$386-387.50 (£261-262) Sovereigns" (new): \$87.50-\$88.50 (£59.25-£59.75) "Excludes VAT"

Kissin's son quits Guinness

Mr Kissin said in a statement yesterday that he was so much

at odds with the rest of the

board, he had no option but to resign. He said he had lost faith

in a board which recommended

an acquisition costing approxi-

mately film in fees, bought

assets worth £18m by issuing shares worth about £23m at

today's Guinness Peat share

price and diluted every single

shareholding.
Mr Kissin also said the board

had "rejected out of hand any

contemplation of a rights issue

The group has lost 570 jobs in the past three years.

At the interim stage to May this year, Donald Macpherson

the group's results were hit by destocking at Woolworth which

prompted by intense price competition in the paint indus-

The latest cuts

cost £2m in sales.

to existing shareholders."

By Andrew Cornelius

Mr Robert Kissin, son of Guinness Peat's founder Lord Kissin, resigned as director of the group yesterday. His resignation comes two days after he publicly aired differences with the Guinness Peat board over the takeover of an investment

Although outnumbered by a majority of shareholders controlling 45.09 per cent, the Kissin family and others con-trolling 36.56 per cent voted against the acquisition of the Moorside Trust at an extraordi-

The cuts result from re-duction in demand for indus-

Speaking in London to the Merican Chamber of Commerce Mr Ridley described unitary taxation as a "retronary meeting. grade step" which threatened to leter companies from investing Paint firm cuts 350 jobs in the US. He warned:"If this practice is not stopped, the already strong The Donald Macpherson in the British paints market.

calls for retaliation will become Group, which makes Cover Plus paint for F. W. Woolworth, deafening." Mr Ridley said that some American states had adopted rules which "drive a is cutting its 2,300-strong British workforce by 350 as part production. The principal sites affected are at Bury, Stockport and West Bromwich. The job losses take effect from the house of the production of the house of the group's results and the production of the house of the group's results are the group's results. coach and horses through the unwritten fiscal convention accepted throughout the developed world."
Under the unitary taxation losses take effect from the New

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system, a government taxes a. company within its jurisdiction on the prercentage of worldwide turnover its operations rep-resent. Companies pay local trial surface coatings, coupled con taxes on their locally earned with substantial over capacity try profits.

British companies claim that unitary tax results in higher and unpredicatable tax bills. The matter came to a head this year after the US Supreme Court upheld the right of states to levy unitary taxation.

West's in warning of bid

By Philip Robinson

West's Group International the civil, structural and process engineers, yesterday urged its shareholders not to sell out to Espley-Tyas, the property group braded by Mr Ron Shuck, which bought 14.9 per cent of West's shares in a dawn raid on

in a letter to shareholders, Mr Ian Phillipps, the chairman says that it is unlikely that Espley-Tyas had bought such a large holding without having a bid in mind for the whole сопдралу.

Espley-Tyas spent about £1m buying 14 per cent of West's at 100p a share. It lifted the price to a record 108p for the year.

West's three main shareholders, Imperial Group's pension funds, M & G, the unit trust group, and Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, have retuined their shares.

S G Warburg, West's mer-chant bank, said last night that a top-level meeting which they had offered, had been rejected by Mr Shuck. Mr Shuck confirmed that on

Wednesday Espley-Tyas sold the remainder of its shares in M Gleeson figures, page 22

Shareholders face \$152 billion dilemma

telephone companies.

regional companies, the com-bined profit in 1984 is projected

at \$6.59 billion equal to \$6.68 a

Dividends, which have bee a primary consideration of AT

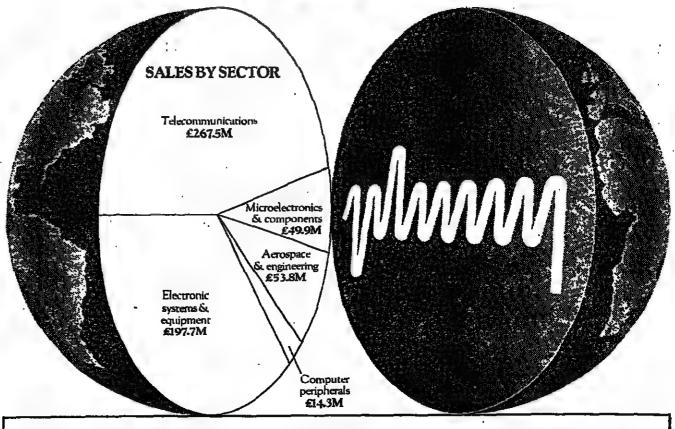
& T's smaller shareholders, are expected to remain high, particylarly in the first year. AT & T said it expected to pay out

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Civil Engineering & Building Contractors

Preliminary Statement The Directors of M J Gleeson Group pic announce the following consolidated

results for the year ended 30th June, 1983		ig eeroendade
Historic Cost Results Turnover	1982/83 £73m	1981/82 £55m
	2000	2000
Profit before taxation* Texation	3,317 672	1,813 163
Profit atter taxation Earnings per share	2,465 24.65p	1,850 16.50p
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"After crediting rents receivable and interest received amounting to \$500,000 and \$1,378,000 respectively (1981/82 \$2478,000 and \$583,000).	444	3,00
Current Cost Results Historic cost operating profit before	1982/83 £000	1981/82 £000
Current cost adjustments	2,337 (639)	1,335 (61 <i>0</i>)
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Current cost profit before taxation	2,496 (672)	1,203 (163)
Curent cost profit after taxation	1,826	1,040
Current cost earnings per share	18.26p	10.40p

Much of the increase in turnover is attributable to the civil engineering contract in Nigeria which has progressed well to the half-way stage; no profit will be taken, however, until this substantial contract is nearer completion. Other contracting turnover is also at a somewhat higher level but margins remain under pressure from price competition. The Group's residential estate developments have done well and mode an important contribution to profit. The much improved figures of non-trading recome comprise the expected increase in rents receivable from investment properties and a larger amount of bank interest received in a year of high figurative levels.

The charce for stabilition is highly because the cautifus assumption has

Dahk interest received in a year or righ inquicity letves.

The charge for struction is higher because the cautious assumption has been made that group reliefs available in 1982/63 may be insufficient to prevent the incidence of corporation tax on the higher figure of non-trading income, furthermore the charge includes advance corporation tax of 2193,000 (compared with £153,000) payable in connection with the revelant dividends.

(compared with 1763,000) payable in connection with the reveillant chindends.

The good results for the year have encouraged the Board to recommend a ligher final dividend of 3.2p per share compared with 2.7p last year; with the increased intown dividend of 1.3p already paid the total distribution for 1982/83 will be 18.4% higher than for 1981/82

Regarding current trading and future prospects, turnover should be at the same high level for 1963/64 and the trading margin may show an improvement (despite all the pressures on the industry at home) when the Nigerian contract is completed With the prospect also of another good year for house sales and mantaned levels of profit contribution from non-trading income, the Board feels confident that good results can again be expected for 1963/64.

feels confident that good results can again be expected for 1953/84. Looking turther ahead, in the present climate of acute price competition for UK public works, the Board will continue its policy of not engaging in below-cost tendering. The Group will maintain the search for more oversess continues and for an increased share of the market in the private sector at home, and with customary ceution the Board will expend the programme of industrial, commercial and residential developments wherever good opportunities for profit can still be found. It may be, therefore, that turnover will declare in 1984/85 but, with better trading margins and careful control of establishment overheads this policy of diversification should safeguard the Group's profit prospects.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Haredon House, London

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Haredon House, London Road, North Cheam, Surrey on the 25th January, 1994, the final dividend being payable immediately thereafter to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 16th December, 1983. To Movember, 1983

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Michael Prest

Changing Plessey targets the US

great surprises in yesterday's half-year results from Plessey. The reported pretax interim figure of £80.9m was near enough to market estimates to make little difference, although the shares slipped 6p to 214p on the day.
Under the surface, however, the Plesey management makes

no pretence to conceal that the parameters of its business are undergoing significant changes. In Britain, the privatization of British Telecom will make little change to Plessey's overall relationship with the dominant customer in this country, but

the threat of privatization has already served to tighten margins and delivery requirements. At the same time, the Ministry of Defence is under pressure to crack down on the traditional healthy margins of most defence contracts thereby helping to make the competitive climate in the defence field more acute.

Not for nothing is the Plessey management devoting itself to honing its strategy for expansion overseas, particularly in the American market, which accounts for 65 per cent of the new world orders.

Sir John Clark, Plessey's chairman, says that the group is concentrating its efforts on securing a greater toehold in the North American market, Last ear's aquisition of Stromberg Carlson has yet to produce dividends: the company truned in a loss at the stated level of £3.2m on sales of £49.7m.

COMMODITIES

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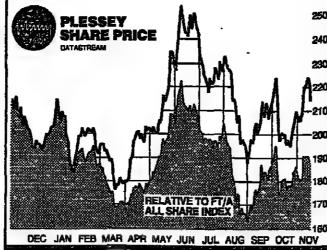
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Plessey's expectations, although there have been unexpected problems with the technical quality of the software in the Stromberg business.

Plessey says that it is still confident that the new buiness will make a positve return in last quarter of this year. More investment and acquisitions can be expected in North

Turnover was up strongly from £236m to 296m in the second quarter, with pretax profits struck at £42.7m. against f35.4m. Farnings per share emerge at 3.13p against 2.59p, implying a full-year price/earnings ratio of between 16 and 17, which does not look unreason-

A board reshuffle after the

director responsible for telecommunications, is unlikely, but it is clear that the company needs to prove that it has the right management if it is to retain such an attractive rating, even considering the demanding examples set by some of its counterparts in the sector,

LRC Int

Tarmac pays £10m for

concrete block maker

By Jeremy Warner

. Growth at LRC International continues to be well above average, even if the 27 per cent increase in interim increase in interim pre-tax profits to just over £7m looks a little pedestrian by comparison with the previous two years.

The fast expanding photoprocessing businesses were the main contributors to this first half growth, but there was also unexpected departure of Mr significant progress in the rest Desmond Pitcher, the managing of the group. Contraceptive

per cent by volume helped by product launches and though the market has remained flat in Britain, the recent wave of publicity for oral adverse contraceptives may begin to

move it higher.
The rubber gloves side of the group is still performing strongly, particularly in the home market where volume sales were up 12 per cent in the first

But while there is still some further benefit to come through from the rationalization of glovemaking facilities between Britain and Malaysia and the integration of recently acquired photo-processing businesses with existing ones, it is clear that the main period of profits growth for LRC is over, in the medium term at least, is over.

The slow down will, to some extent, be reflected in the second half when, for seasonal reasons, the photo-processing businesses make no money. The full year tally as a consequence will probably be no higher than £15m against £13.2m last time and profits start to accelerate growth the year after will be as the current lower still, barring a big programme ends.

Kwik Save

Even if the economy should dip next year the retail sector looks ready to keep forging ahead. Full year pretax profits from Kwik Save Discount Group up by 16 per cent to £27.4m were the third set of good retail figures in a little from its ambitious opening over a week, albeit rather less programme for new, stores

sparkling than those of J Sainsbury and Tesco. Relative to the FT All-Share index, the sector fell from 230 to 190 last summer but has since climbed back to 225 - and it seems set to scale new beights.

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The good news from the retailers is that although food price inflation is now running well below the increase in operating costs, margins have not come under the expected pressure. Increased productivity from existing staff and more efficient stock control have helped more than could have

reasonably been hoped.
Kwik Save should be able to make £31.5m this year to put iton a price/earning ratio of about 16 times compared with, say, just over 17 for Tesco and about 25 for Sainsbury, Sainbury's performance was

- and is likely to remain -stunningly good and it is the City's star buy in the food retailing sector. Tesco comes. close second

Both companies, and Tesco in particular, are long term propositions. Tesco is likely to start to accelerate in two years as the current development

Kwik Save is well liked not least on its relative cheapness for a go-ahead group.

The likely increase in the price of fresh foods over the next six months will highlight a fourth retailer - Bejam. Its freezer food business will benefit greatly.

Kwik Save will continue to benefit from volume growth programme for new store

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

East Midland Allied Press

Aquascutum Group Half-year to 31.7.83 Pretax profit £95,000 (£228,000)

Grampian Television Half-year to 31,9.83 Pretax profit £222,000 (£302,000) Turnover £6m (£5,1m) Net Interim dividend 1.2p (1.1p)

London Trust Half-year to 30.9.83 Pretax profit £2.5m (£1.5m) Stated earnings 1.57p (0.9p) Turnover £5.4m (£4.4m)

Yorkshire and Lancashire invest ment Trust Year to 30.9.83 Revenue £565,000 (£226,000)

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breeze block manufacturer, for appears to have waned. Hemelite is the third largest Tarmac also disclosed yester-William Bouton Group concrete block-making comday that it has joined Balfour Year to 30.6.83 pany in Britain with about 10 Beatty as a partner in Norwe-Pretax loss £787,000 (loss £848,000) gian company. Offshore Con-

per cent of the market and 12 manufacturing plants. The purchase is part of Tarmac's policy of expanding its quarry products division into value added areas. It has

big takeovers in the aggregates Now Tarmac has set its sights on expansion with a number of small acquisitions such as Hemelite in areas of the £7.5m.

earned a reputation over the last

two years as an acquisition-

hungry group with a string of

Tarmac, the quarrying and building product market which civil engineering group, is use as their raw material stone, buying Hemelite and Al- gravel and sand, phayule, the privately-owned. The group's interest in The group's interest in buying a big brick manufacture

> crete Structures, a new Norwegian company, which aims to compete for concrete gravity oil production platform work in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea. The company has placed

> about 2 million shares to raise £8m of the Hemelite purchase price. The balance will be in cash out of existing resouces. The book value of Hemelite's net tangible assets is about

LEP Group Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £864,000 (£1.7m) Turnover £38m (36.7m) Net interest dividend 4p (same)

Half-year to 15.10.83
Pretax profit £2.1m (£1.8m)
Stated earnings 2.5p (2.1p)
Turnover £31.2m (£8m)
Net interest dividend 0.77p (1.4p)

Stated lose per share 1.5p (1.9p) Turnover £24.9m (23.8m) Net dividend 0.1p (same)

Turnover £11.3m (£11.2m) Net interim dividend 0.75p (same)

Five Oaks investments Year to 30.6.83

Pretax loss £156,000 (profit £102,000) Stated loss per share 3.6p (profit 1.96p) Turnover £4.7m (£1.2m)

Net Interim dividend 1,25p (same)

Stated earnings 0.85p (2.25p) Net dividend 0.6p (2p)

 The Secretary of State for Trade, Mr Norman Tebbit, has in accordance with the recommendation of the director-general of fair trading, decided not to refer to the Monopoles and Mergers Com-mission the proposed acquisition

Coble and Wireless

Interim Results

COMMENTS ON RESULTS The pre-tax profit of £80M (£69M -1982) is an increase of 15% over the comparable period of last year. Turnover increased by 11%. Trading profits including Associated Companies increased by 25%. Traffic volumes originating at Group locations continued to increase at an overall average rate of almost 15%.

Results expressed in sterling for a Group which has most of its activities overseas have been helped by current sterling exchange rates. The trading profit has increased over the comparable period of last year by some £2M currency gain. Investment continues in the US, the Far East and the UK

Telecommunications projects have characteristically extended periods before earning profits. The acquisition of almost 35% of the Hong Kong Telephone Company was partly financed with some £26M cash. Lower cash balances and reduced interest rates have led to a reduction in interest income.

INTERIM DIVIDEND The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 2.4p per ordinary share (1982 – 2.1p as restated) payable on 31 March 1984 to Shareholders on the Register on 2 March 1984. The cost of the interim dividend is £10,800,000 (1982 - £8,640,000).

	6 months to 30 Sept 1983	6 months to 30 Sept 1982	Year to 31 March 1983
HISTORIC COST RESULTS	2M	Restated £M	£M
Turnover	213	192	403
Trading profit	56	48	108
Associated companies	14	8	22
Interest and Leasing	<u>10</u>	_13_	27
Profit before taxation	80	69	157
lax .	31	25	48
Minority interests	5	6	11
Profit attributable to Shareholders	44	38	98
Earnings per share	9.8p	9.4p	24.1p

In continuance of the policy adopted for the year to 31 March 1983, the results of foreign enterprises have been translated into sterling in accordance with the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 29 – Foreign Currency Translation. The figures for the six months ending 30 September 1982 have been restated according?

The estimated tax liability of £31M consists of UK tax £17M (£17M - 1982), overheas tax £11M (£7M - 1982) and associated companies £3M (£1M - 1982).
 Profits of the associated companies include £3M from the Hong Kong Telephone Company (Teleo) in respect of the three months from acquisition to 30 June 1983. In the second 6 months of the year, Teleo results from 1 July to 31 December will be included.

Earnings per share and dividents per share for the six months ended 30 September 1983 have been calculated on the 450 million shares currently in issue. (6 months to 30 September 1982 and Year to 31 March 1983 - 405 million shares currently in issue (6 months to 30 September 1982 and Year to 31 March 1983 - 405 million shares.) 30 million additional shares were issued on 30 March 1983 in connection with the sequesition of some 35% of the Hong Kong Telephone Company. A capitalisation issue of 150 million shares was made on 30

The stridged profit and loss account for the year to 31 March 1983 is an extract from the full accounts for that year which have been delivered to the registrar of companies: the report of the auditors on those accounts was





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because he foresees no substan-

new jobs for three to five years.

The only big growth area for small businesses is in high

companies is being harnessed in

the areas where they are based in localized community action programmes of which some 25

bigger companies to think again

will go abroad for a component.

what sort of a production run

This sort of thing is now

happening through the com-

One thrust is to persuade

are now in hand,

technology areas, he believes. The enthusiasm of bigger

A marriage could be on the go-karts. He added: "We have a way between the Special Pro-chair for the handicapped that grammes Unit, spun off by the can be adjusted to about 40 by grammes Unit, spun off by the Confederation of British Indus-try in 1980 at government behest, and Business in the Community, that diligent backer different positions and this is now in production in small workshops. Some 800 young-sters are going to be involved in local enterprise agencies. developing some 50 marinas on It would make a lot of sense inland waterways. I could go because their fields of action are Cooke is pressing hard

argely complementary while both are supported in various. ways by mostly the same group of blue-chip companies up and lown the country.

The SPU has been taken up

2150.000 With marketing government with marketing government alleviate youth memployment, latterly the outh training scheme, and with eleveloping localised community oth business opportunities and

For 10 2562 the Local enterprise agencies are concentrating on encournostly concentrating on encour-about local sourcing of compo-ging the development of small inesses, offering counselling costs to and other advisory help at the within Britain a manufacture CO. PART HETERS roots level.

A merger is only at the liscussion stage but the SPU would bring to it an organization with more than 80 in the field, is needed, how to tool up for it, seared to the central formu-(07 372) 4112 ground work studies. Three years ago it started detailed research of key city areas -starting with Redditch, Preston and Southwark - which has since been expanded.

Seeking work creation proects the SPU is coming up with number of possibilities. Its hief executive James Cooke, former marketing adviser at PA Management Consultants, fizzs with ideas for new business projects while accepting the discipline of achieving hard-line

practical results. for youngsters and for some continuing full-time jobs. At one "Catering for the handitime when unemployment levels apped is one undereloped were lower, as many as 85 per cent of youngsters taking training later found jobs but the says Cooke. He is binking of products as diverse as contoured maps for public

Financing for brighter days

If this is the high tide year for management buy-outs, 1994 may usher in a new wave on the small business front company restructuring, post recession. And that could raise financing problems, Derek Harris writes.

problems. Derek Harris writes.

The forecast comes from Derek Sach, divisional director at the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation ICFC, part of Investors in Industry (3i), who ought to be a good guide on trends since ICFC was a pioneer in management buy-outs.

In 1981-82 ICFC supported 107 management buy-outs but last year there were 89. This year, with new buy-outs running at around two a week, the total looks likely to go to at least 100.

at least 100.

He said: "The problem could be that some banks, having seen a small business gradually get down initially high financing to more manageable levels, may be askance when the company wants to scale up loans substantially as it looks to development to meet tial increase in the number of expected demands as the

It is one thing if a company's needs fall within the £75,000 calling of the Government's loans guarantee scheme where the Department of Trade and industr underwrites 80 per cent of loans to small business by the banks. But many companies are likely to need at least twice this amount. Although ICFC loans are at the poing commercial rates one

comparable is on offer locally or There are now more than 100 different government devices "to overcome the specific disadvantages of being small". Most of them correspond, Cooke says: There is an alternative. A local small roughly, to the practice of manufacturer can be told what knocking the natural vitamins out of the flour and putting artificial replacements back into

the big company's order would mean and the rest can follow. You create an immensely complicated fiscal and regulatmunity action programmes. Cooke is not convinced that ory business environment and then set up 160 assistance agencies to help people cope putting the main thrust behind with it. Little wonder that the creation of small businesses is Department of Trade and Industry's small firms service the key answer to job creation. But he admits that the experihandled some 250,000 enquiries ence of some areas, such as last year though it seems somewhat bizarre that the Teesside, might point the other What the SPU has presided minister's 1983 "target" is to over is the maturing of the schemes creating training places swell this index of incompre-

hension to 300,000. Is it sensible for MPs, or anyone else, to extend such a rich field of remedial tinkering? Looking back to some still neglected findings of the Bolton None of the latest layers of puters for the transfer and Report - now more than 12 small firms' advice bureaux or storage of information - and by places to electrically powered success rate is still 35 per cent. years old - the answer must be a local enterprise agencies would the sheer weight of paperwork,

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innovation could appeal to small businesses which might have been reluctant to take on fixed rate loans. There is now a floating rate option which during the its of the icans can be converted to a fixed

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Road, London SE1 8XP: telephone (01) 929 7822. Ask, where (01) 929 7822. Ask, where geographically appropriate, for details of ICFC's 17 regional diffices located at Aberdeen, Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Nottingham, Reading, Sheffield and Southampton.

Changes in Government procurement policy specifically guaranteeing a minimum lavel of contracts for small businesses and more advantageous terms on the Government's loans guarantee scheme were urged yesterday by Mr Michael Grylls, chairman of the Small Business Bureau.

Mr Grylls, who is Tory MP for Surrey North West, plans to apply pressure in Whitehall following this pressure in Whitehall following this week's survey, organized by the United Kingdom committee for the European Year of the Small and Medium Sized Enterprise (EYSME) which placed Britain low ninth among ten European countries for ong ten European countries for the climate engendered for the financial health of small businesses Britain scored well only for its tax incentives. Mr Grylls argues that

regretful "Yes", because the

strongest candidates for atten-

tion would make powerful

contributions to overall reform.

hope that the 1971 Devlin Committee would "result in a

thorough rationalization of the

structure of trade associations,

the diversity of which still reflects their essentially defens-ive preoccupations of the past"?

The dead weight of scores of outdated, largely inertial trade bodies still hangs beavily on

many business sectors - and

most heavily on the smaller

businesses which sense a special

need for advice and infor-

MALION

What about that vain Bolton

quick action could be taken on Government procurement policy by setting a minumum percentage to be allocated to small businesses.

Low-rent workshops

Hackney Business Promotion Centre is extending its drive to provide low-rent workshops for startum hydrogens. A rijentiatur start-up businesses. A dilapidated former factory at 45 Tudor Road in east London is the centre's latest



with the Ministry of Defence but I'm too near to bank-

trade bodies had seen and risen

to new opportunities and needs.

Given a much reduced number

of much better funded business.

organizations Mr Tebbin could

well privatize all his small firms

first-aid posts, the British Overseas Trade Board and its

subsidiaries and a good deal of

And why has nothing been done, in all the razzmatazz

about information technology,

to respond to that prescient Bolton passage: "We see a time,

in the not very distant future,

when government will be obliged by changing technology the increased use of com-

his own Department to boot.

the seven units created there are

still on offer.
The centre, which already has The centre, which already has one converted building operating with 13 units, is now considering a third project which could be offering additional units within about a year.

Most of the workshops are of 1000 entered.

Most of the workshops are of 1,000 square feet to 1,300 square feet to 1,300 square feet in size. They are let on a three-month licence with weekly charges including rent, rates, services and maintenance, insurance, cleaning, lighting and general administration as well as some heating.

The inclusive cost is £5.50 a square foot on an annual basis. That would put the basic rental without the various service elements at £1.90 which compares with a typical commercial rate for the area of £2.50.

Contact Hackney Business

Contact: Hackney Business Promotion Centre, 45 Great Eastern Street, London EC2A 3EP: Telephone (01) 739 9606. A high technology centre, with 19 workshops for small businesse

developing in microelecronics and other new technology sectors, is planned for the campus at Hull University. A science park setting is being created by English Industrial Estates which builds advance factories under the segis of the Department of Trade and Industry.

First of the workshops should be rist of the workshops should be available from early next summer, Hull University which is already noted for its work in lesser and liquid crystal technologies, will have a close relationship with the new

to create an integrated and

"We envisage that 20 years from now businesses will be

required to make a carefully

articulated annual cycle of

returns which will suffice for

purposes of tax assessment, for

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have grown. Some desert "To my sorrow we no longer countries are big buyers of have a blacksmith's forge. But ploughs adapted for sand we do have a 155-tone computer-controlled Press Residue. puter-controlled Press Brake which forms hydraulically the cold material which in the past we would have had to heat."

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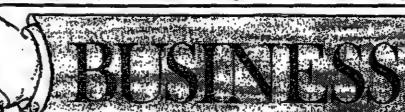
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we have been at great pains to

point out to people that it is a

one-off", says Mr Terry Smith,

managing director of Radio City and chairman of the

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Radio Contractors.

He said: "This is the only station to bite the dust in 10

years and when you think of the

companies that have gone under in other industries in that

period - the number of local

newspapers, that have failed, for

example - it puts things into

now learning is that it is the

quality of management - and

that includes the board as well

as the senior executives - that

makes the difference between success and failure for a radio

station. The stations that have

performed well, by and large,

have had few top management

changes, yet in the business as a

whole no fewer than 16

Another lesson is that proo-

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was its expensive premises, and

What the radio business is

"Leicester is not typical and

Anyone taking a casual glance at the financial affairs of the independent local radio business could be forgiven for thinking that radio - unlikecommercial television - was a licence to lose money. Six weeks ago, on the eve of the ILR system's 10th anniversary, the Leicester station, Centre Radio, company to crash since the early days of ITV in the mid-Fifties. Centre had lost £255,000 in 1981-82 and a similar loss was forecast for the year just ended.

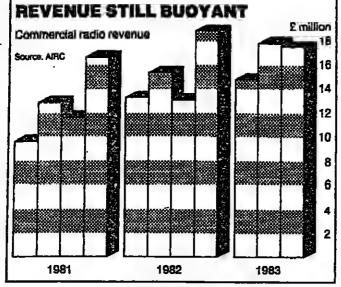
About three weeks later, the Bristol station, Radio West named after the station in the Shoestring TV series - announced staff cuts and an early close each week evening together with the appointment of a new chairman and a plan to raise about £350,000 in extra capital. The station's loss for 1982-83 is likely to be £320,000. Similar problems at the Leeds station, Radio Aire (1981-82 loss - £158.000), would appear provide fairly conclusive proof that radio is not a business in which a wise man

would invest. If three cities the size Leicester, Bristol and Leeds - regarded as the last three "plum" contracts to be awarded - cannot support a healthy radio station, which areas can? Such a reaction from observers of the radio business is only natural and has done no good to those companies trying to raise capital for future stations. Yet all is not doom and gloom, as th advertising revenue figures and the profit recored of some other stations

will testify. Last year, in 1982, radio's advertising revenue increased by 20 per cent, a rise greater than that of television, and though some of that was due to the launch of stations, the existing stations saw revenue rise significantly faster than year, revenue was up by 13 per cent and in the past four months, there has been an astonishing boom, with increases of 25 per cent and more.

Stations are now expected to compared with £61m last year and £51 m the year before.

Some stations have done particularly well. Liverpool's Radio City, the only station to



Securities Market, has a glitterexisting operators. Hereward. ing record = it made £442,000 in 1981-2 - as does Manchester's Paccadilly Radio, Capital Radio, the London entertain-Radio, Capital ment and general contractor which has just won a second term, regularly makes well over film a year, a performance which puts it in a league of its

But not only big city stations can turn in good profits. One of the radio industry's greatest successes in the last two years has been Essex Radio, which made a profit of £194,000 in its first year (the figure would have been larger but the station spent £50,000 on buving shares

Liverpool's Radio City, quoted on the USM has a glittering record for profits

for its staff) and will report even better figures this year. Simi-larly, Radio 2CR in Bournemanaging directors changed jobs in a year, which mouth has made the best of a small (410,000 population) but must put radio management a very lucrative area, producing a profit last year of £112,000. stakes behind football clubs. There was another hopeful

take £71m revenue this year, sign for smaller operators last erty deals can be of crucial week when the Peterboroughbased Hereward Radio was stability of a station. Centre was awarded the new franchise for awarded the new franchise for dragged down by a huge burden nearby Northampton easing of debt, a big factor in which fears that a proliferation of new be quoted on the Unlisted small stations could weaken other stations have incurred quite such consequences.

Essex Radio, by contrast, bought a run-down building in Southend for £100,000 and did it up: the building is now worth almost ten times as much and the station earns £17,000 a year for renting out a part. Ultimately, however, success

depends not on keeping costs in check - though that is important - but in generating advertising revenue. Stations tht have done particularly badly have not only had to bear high costs but have also tended to earn less revenue than they should in a market which is growing faster

One reason for poor revenue performance can be low audiences - which is a factor both of programming and promotion but an equally significant reason salesman, particularly at a local

The increasing importance of local revenue was noted in the last annual report of the Broadcasting

Hereward is the first small station to receive a second franchise

Authority which stated that in 1981/82 the ratio of local to national revenue was 49:51, 1979/80. This is a considerable shift within a two-year period and though it can be accounted for partly by the smaller stations, which would normally tend to be more reliant on local advertisers, it is nevertheless a factor that no station can

The stations that have recorded the highest profit per head of population, Radio 2CR and Essex, have been particularly successful at generating local revenue. The most recent boom.

however, by most accounts, appears to have come largely from national advertisers, and it may well be that 1981-82 will turn out to have been something of a statistical quirk. Kimberley-Clark,

example, which makes Kleenex tissues, recently tested radio in posed on radio station profits.

Scotland and saw sales increase by 14 per cent, compared with 5 per cent in the rest of Britain, where television was used. It is now planning to use radio nationally next year instead of television, if a further test is successful.

"Many advertisers are discovering that their annual budget can buy them only six weeks' advertising on television these days", says Mr Mike Vanderkar, managing director of one of the two national radio sales companies, Broadcast Marketing Services. "Companies such as Procter & Gamble, Heinz, TDK and Volvo are taking radio seriously indeed because they

The national sales com-panies, which sell to national advertisers on behalf of regional groups of stations, are now receiving back-up from the stations' own Radio Marketing Bureau, set up to generate new business. Radio still takes only 2.2 per cent of total advertising revenue though, as Mr Vanderkar points out, as long as the total advertising market is expanding it will be very hard for radio to increase that share: it can still do well financially on that 2 to 3 per cent share.

can see that it works."

Mr Smith would like to see the budget of the Radio Marketing Bureau increased from its present £200,000 but is having trouble persuading his fellow managing directors to invest the extra sums. However, on two other financial issues there is total agreement

In addition to paying about £5m primary rental to the IBA. and both a secondary rental and a Government levy on profits (together totalling about £1.5m ast year), the radio stations have to pay more than £7m a year in copyright fees to Photographic Performance Performance Limited (PPL) for their use of recorded music.

After a legal battle lasting years, the AIRC is taking the issue to the High Court and asking that the payments should be reduced, on the grounds that the way they were calculated is wrong in law.

At the same time the companies are hoping that, with the IBA, they will soon be in talks with the Treasury, aimed at raising the threshold at which the Government levy is im-

set to sustain **42%** rise

M J Gleeson Group, the civil engineering and property group, is negotiating two multi-million pound deals in Oman and Thailand in an attempt to sustain its remarkable increase in profits for the year ending June 30. The group's pretax profits rose by 42 per cent to 23.1m during the year after a £1.3m bonus from interest

payments on the group's £9m hank denosits. Group turnover rose from £55m to £73m during the year and the board recomm payment of an increased final dividend of 3.2p per share compared with 2.7p last year. Much of the increased turn-

over is as a result of a £35m dam construction contract in Nigeria. although the profits from this will not accrue until 1984 and

The crucial Nigerian contract will be completed in October next year. Stage payments have been made according to the original agreements and Glee-son is adament that any possible problems are guaranteed by ECGD cover.

Gleeson will also expand its £9.5m UK commercial property portfolio and its £65m civil igineering orderhook. Its deal in Oman will involve

establishing a management company to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the new five-year plan, Another construction deal is negotiated with the

hear that Mr Ronald Shuck's Espley-Tyas property group, had sold 4.9 per cent of its 7.3

MJGleeson Elliott 'on target for return to profits'

B. Elliott, one of Britain's largest machine-tool makers, is on target to return to profits next year. But Mr Mark Rusell. the chairman, said yesterday that the return to profitability was taking longer than first

He was reporting the halfyear results to the end of September which showed pretax losses of £1.94m against £2.5m for the same time a year earlier. Turnover dropped from £41.5m to £34,3m. This year the group is paying a nominal dividend of 0.1p a share required to be paid in any calender month to maintain trustee status.

Mr Russell said: "The actionbeing taken to return the group to prefitability is taking longer to be effective than the company would wish."

B: Effect Helf-year to 30.9.83 Pretax loss 21.94m (loss 22.5m) Stated loss 10.64p (loss 14.6p) Turnorer 234,3m (241.5m) Net jaterim dividend 0.1p (nil)

Share price 37p down 2p He added: "We are on course

to return to profits next year but I can't now say when. We have been bit by destocking and I think that might bottom out TICKL SPITHE." The group has now got its

tool merchanting side into profit, although the contrabutton is small. Orders for capital goods have

been picking up. However these are coming from America rather than Britain.

In the stock market, Elliott shares, which have traded hetween 22p and 45p this year, eased 2p to 37p.

LCP half-year figures up 70% in expansion drive

A sharp reduction in bank borrowing costs has helped LCP Holdings, the Birmingham vehicle distribution combine, actueve a 70 per cent increase in

On sales up from £138.4m to £149.1m, pretax rose from £2m to £3,4m in the six months to the end of September. The company said that it is now satisfied it will have a

period of sustained growth. The redeployment of assets will continue and further reductions n group horrowings remain a prime objective. Retailing in the US provides

the group's greatest source of profits. Trading profits in the US, where the group owns the

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car care retail company. Whitlock Corporation, rose from £2.5m to £2.7mi -

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Industries: Anton Poot will become chairman and managing director on January I. He succeeds Mr J van der Meer who is retiring.

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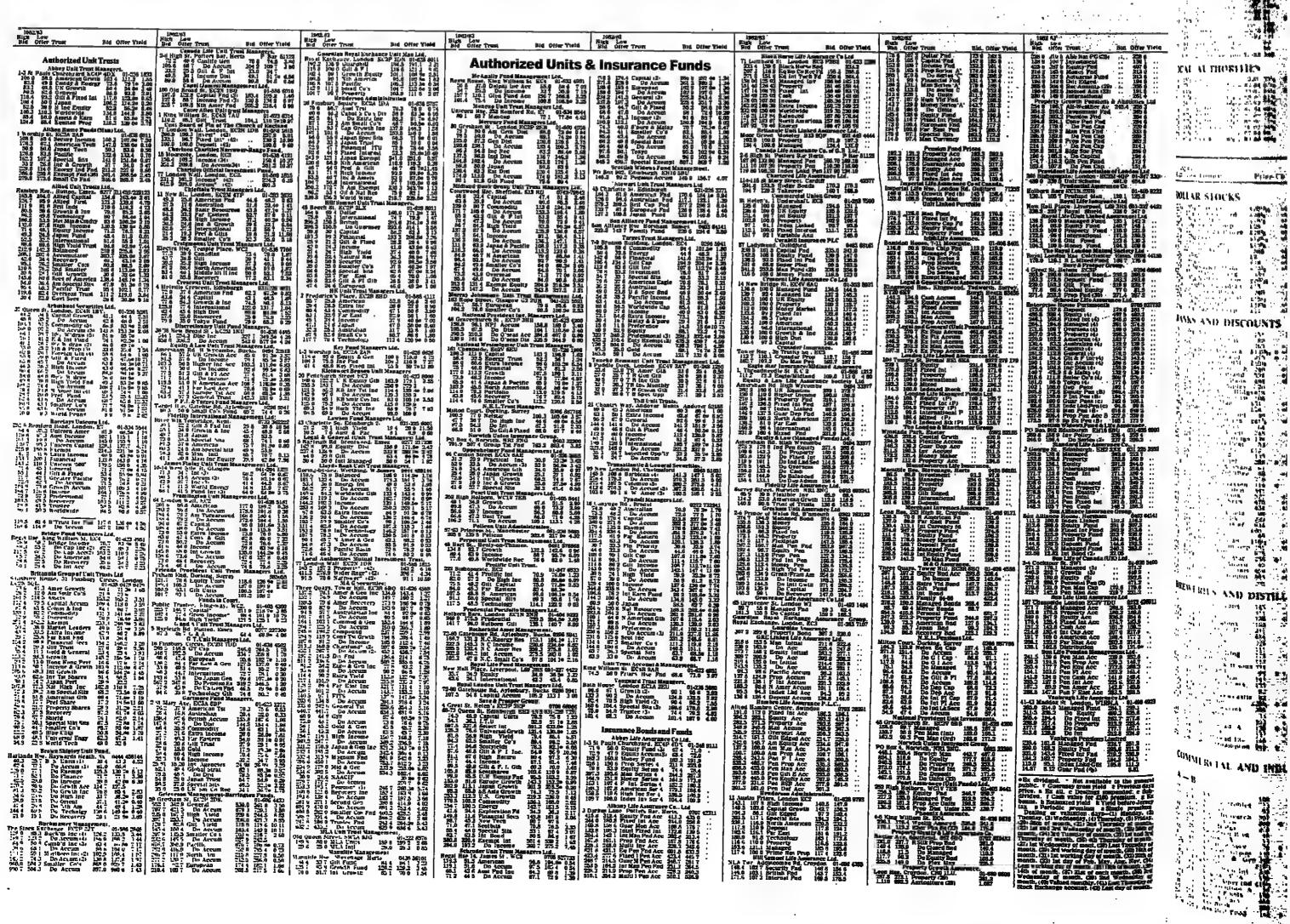
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By David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent

The systematic manipulation of key officers in the governing sodies of international sports for commercial benefit is one of the more conspicuous revelations of the Enquiry into Sports Sponsorship, commissioned by the Central Council of Physical Recreation under the chairmanship of Denis Howell, the former Labour

The report has undertones of the CIA at work, such is the complexity of vested interests. Yet here at last is the inquiry, though without any statutory power, reasserting altruistic British opinion which once dominated world sports but has now been all but surrendered to South Americans and Latins. The British were quietly smoking their pipes while true sport was burning

Among over 70 conclusions and recommendations on the present state of sponsored sport, the inquiry calls for investigation by the General Association of International Sports Federation (GAISF) and the International Assembly of National Orgamizations of Sport into the financial involvement of Adidas with FIFA and the International Olympic Committee; for the British Gov ment to refer to the Office of Fair Trading the relationship between Mark McCormack's International Management Group (IMG) and sports events to establish whether

monopoly exists; an urgent reexamin-ation of Olympic eligibility rules by the IOC: the establishment of a ponsors' register to record the precise volvement of such agencies as West vally, exclusive consultants to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, and the Swiss companies Rofa and ISL, who have exclusive contracts with FIFA, UEFA and the IOC. While on the one hand sport -

including governing bodies, competitions and individuals - is increasingly dependent on sponsorship, the expediency and manipulation by sponsors, including television, and especially those agencies such as IMG, who control a competition and the participants simultaneously, is open to the most fundamental ethical

There is no doubt that television has far too powerful an influence on soccer, manipulates World Cup schedules, and the commercial dealings which have taken the 1986 finals to Mexico are a well tabulated scandal.

In a candid inteview given by Horst Dassler, president of Adidas, he told the 11-person committee, which includes the former internationals and current administrators, Colin Moynihan (rowing), John Young (rugby) and Harold Hassall (soccer), that Adidas filed information on the election of officers in international sports organizations from official publications of all national Olympic committees and international federations of Olympic and non-Olympic sports. "We are ready to make this information

available to those who ask for it". If the United Kingdom governing bodies are ill-prepared to deal with the dramatic effects of the explosion of sports sponsorship at home, the inquiry states, there is a problem of even greater severity at international level. Many international federations have neither ground rules nor procedures to deal with the exploitation of sport by commercial

The inquiry particularly asks whether the Adidas file is used to influence the election of international officers, and why Adidas should need to be present at the World Cup draw on December 7; why the FIFA president, Joao Havelange, should

Mick Bennett, a 1972 British

Olympic cyclist, bought his own jersey, paid for his own bicycle and

lost his job, all to help his country win

a Commonwealth gold, world cham-pionship silver and two Olympic bronze medals. When he turned

professional, he wrote 320 personal

letters to potential sponsors, and did

not get ne answer.

This highlights two factors of the

sports scene for all but the most accomplished of performers; whether

amateur or professional, money can be desperately short, and there is also too

little available contact between exist-ing sponsorship bodies and agencies,

and that market of competitors they

seek to help.

The value as opposed to the

dancers, of sponsorship to competitors

and to individuals is detailed exten-

sively in the inquiry, together with the

improved use which can be made by

governing bodies and regional councils, given a better understanding of

sponsorship, competition and media

Although it is evident that more and



McCormack: leading agent

need their help for promotions in Africa. Patrick Nally, of West Nally, who negotiate deals for GAISF, admitting that outside interests distort sport itself, stated; "Sport like anything else is subject to politics. It would surprise a good many sports enthusiasts, who just want to enjoy their favourite game, to know how political sport has become. It is a great

of money is pinpointed be several

Lucinda Green (three-day event):

"Sport today is all-consuming if you

want to reach the top, but there is no

means of earning a living in the normal way, After 10 or 15 years, you

can go out of sport without money or a

job. Chris Baillien (rowing): "I estimate it cost £10,000 a year to

Steve Ovett (athletics): "In an ideal

world, individuals should obtain their

own sponsorship, but this is not

practical for, say, a shy, young girl. We need an overall scheme to help

Between 1978 and 1983, the Sports

Aid Foundation has given assistance to 1500 competitors in 46 sports, but

as the inquiry underlines, the SAF is

showing disappointingly declining

revenue, which could be reversed by

In its review of 1982, Sportscan

showed that the previous year, there

positive marketing of its

people find sponsorship".

philanthropic aims.

prepare me for the 1980 Olympics".

international competitors.

Philippe Chatrier, president of the International Tennis Federation, talking of their relationship with reports that McCormack had said to him: "You run your sport and I will do my business deals." Chatrier stated that employing IMG to find the money allowed them simultaneously and gradually to take control. The late Sir Denis Follows in his Philip Noel-Baker Memorial Lecture last March

Nearly every top-level performer has his agent. If he is an individual performer, his agent contracts his performances. As a result, in certain sports, the governing bodies have ceased to govern... We have now reached the stage where sport at the top level has become almost completely show business - because of the individual, the desire to present the game as a spectacle, more money, less sportsmanship, more emphasis on

IMG represents, among others, Bjorn Borg, Arnold Palmer, Vitas Gerulaitis, Tony Jacklin, Virginia Wade and Sebastian Coe, in addition to media personalities such as Angela

The enquiry has received evidence

Benefactors are out of touch

shortage, but too few industrial, commercail organizations properly recognize that sponsorship give them a better return for their outlay than

television advertising.
Two of the most prominent examples are found in cricket and

snooker.

Cornhill Insurance have demoustrated the potential. Within five years of their Test match sponsorship, the public's spontaneous awareness of their function bad risen from two per

cent to 17 per cent. The danger of over-exposure has been realised by snooker. The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association rejected a £80,000 offer, because they thought there was a possibility of television overkill.

As many companies such as Bell's have discovered, there is a considerable market in sponsorship to be exploited in the regions and provinces away from the more obvious national events. The potential for sponsorship is as yet nowhere near fully exploited, thousands of lesser competitors and competitions only waiting to be approached.

IMG subsidiary, is possibly breaking, as exclusive representative, IOC regulations in the negotiation for the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics; and is being challenged in this by the European Broadcasting Union. The enquiry states: "It seems most undesirable that an organisation should be able to represent a governing body, sponsors, a signifi-cant number of top players, negotiate television, cable and satellite con-tracts and sell merchadising rights. The situation is pregnant with conflict of interests and cannot carry public confidence."

With reason, the enquiry expresses grave concern for the direction being taken by the Olympics, and it quotes two fundamentally opposing opinions expressed to them: Sir Denis Follows, is the ethical content of the Olympics which makes them a thing apart. Without that and the absence of overt commercialism, the Games could become just another fixture in the sporting calendar". Steve Ovett, "the Olympics in Los Angeles will be an extravaganza for the world of

In considering the IOC's confused, semi-professional eligibility (Rule 26), the addition instead of reduction of the number of sports, and new commercial activities, the inquiry believes de Coubertin's maxim is terminally threatened; and that the imminent inclusion of tennis, togethwith soccer and ice hockey contesting in 1984 without any status qualifications, makes the Olympics effectively "open" to both amateurs and professionals; But the inquiry

1. What are the prospects for the underdeveloped countries who are more than half the IOC membership? 2. Will professional boxers, footballers, and others be able to compete provided they are not actually paid during the Olympics. How do tennis players, Andrea Jaeger and Mats Wilander freely stand beside thou-

sands of competitors simply there 'to 3. Should there be such variations in standard as will inevitably arise between the paid and unpaid?

4. Will IFL's marketing for the IOC impinge upon the British Olympic Association's own fund-raising? Mr Howell has unleashed a document which strikes at the heart of everyone in sport those who gain more than once was ever dreamed of

and those who still want to be there

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Howell: Inquiry chairman

The main proposals

 The Sports Council should establish and supervise the principles and practice of sponsorable for the application of proper ethical standards Commerce and industry emerges
 Sponsorable should provide for the future of British sport by specifically supporting school and youth activities.

public relations approach.

• Governing bodies should guard against an over-reliance on sponsorship income and should maintain a wide portfolio. They should maintain a sympathetic and realistic attitude towards the financial interests of their leading competitors yet also take account of the interests of sport as a whole. • The Government should introduce

e the covernment should introduce legislation to implement the House of Lords view that sport for education purposes is a charitable activity and Parliament should assist in the passage of such an act.

• It is contrary to the interests of British sport, as well as to British influence internationally, that federations who elect to maintain their headquarters in the United Kingdom

Authority should review its sports policies and those of its franchise companies at state its intentions to be a light of the companies at state its intentions to provide a realistic alternative services of the BBC. If IBA policy res GAISF and IANOS must assess the

FIFA and the IOC. GAISF should ensure that details of his deal with West-Naily are in the Register shready mentioned, and details of all agency-feduration links.
 The Government should rater to the Office of Peir Fireding for examination the relation between liftig and UK sport to establish wirether monopoly sales. The IOC should involve all NOCs and international federations in a fundamental dislogue about the inture of the Ohympics regarding eligibility and seventeericalists.

Ascot

Tote: Double 2.10, 3.10. Trebis 1.35, 2.40, 3.40. [Television (BBC1) 2.10, 2.40, 3.10 and 3.40 races]

1.0 BINGLEY HURDLE (4-y-o novices: £2,316: 2m) (4 runners) Evens Desert Orchid, 11-8 Don Glovanni, & Solt The Gate, 14 Gilles Prince

1.35 PUNCH BOWL CHASE (handicap: smateurs: £3,090: 3m) (3) 401114 CIN N°LISEE (D) (D Coombe) V Verman Neller 9-11-7
AJ Wilson
p3ty-s0 400 ROCTE (D) (Dr R Brimbelcombe) N Henderson 8-10-9 J Whyse
Rotto-6 KingGH HighWay (F Pinch-Heyge) R Howe 8-10-0 Miss P Pinch-Heyge) R Howe 8-10-0

2.10 V.A.T. WATKINS HURDLE (Grade 2: £10,524: 2m 4f) (7) AMARACH (Mrs & Duggan) R Fisher 6-11-4
DAWN RUN (D) (Mrs C Hill) P Mulins (Ire) 5-10-13
GOLDEN FRIED (Mrs W Johnson) A Boott 5-10-13
NAVAJO BRAVE (R Jones) R Hose 8-10-13
HASTY STAR (R Kirk) R Kirk 7-10-8
HASYOTEL (C D) R Duglant B Multim A-10-8

FORNE Amerisch (10-9) bt Robin Wonder (gave 35) and Golder Friend (levels) 11, nk (2m h'cap, Sandown, Nov 5, firm, 8 ran. Down Run (11-10) bt State Councellor (rec 9b) 101 (2m sta, Down Royal, Nov 5, good, 8 ran. Navaje Brave (11-5) bt Lucky Rascal (rec 10b) 31 (2m 21 nov, Fornwell, Oct 17, yet-lang, 20 ran.), Mayorte (11-12) 2nd to A Kinsman (levels), bit 34 (2m 11, Cheltenham, Mar 15, good to soft, 21 ran.), Permabos (10-7) bt Connaught River (gave 9b) shihd (2m 4f 120yds sta, Nevelbur, Nov 2, firm, 4 ran.), Permabos subsequently disq. SELECTION: Dawn Run.

2.40 HURST PARK CHASE (Grade 2: novices: £7,840: 2m) (3)

10-11 Monza, 7-4 Grey Mate, 3 Spender's Lane. 3.10 CHARLES DAVIS CHASE (handicap: £6,368; 2m) (6) 243111 SEA RERCHANT (D) (T McDonish) W A Stepherson 8-12-0 (4 ex) ___ O'Ne8 ex0-213 RESTLESS SHOT (D) (R Richmend-Wasson) J Webber 8-11-2 ___ G McCourt 000302 PRETTY HOPEFUL (C.D) (Nrs M Ash.) J Gifford 8-10-7 _____ R Rows 4311-u2 (DEN GREEN (D) (P Marnsford) D M Grissel 6-10-0 _____ N Perrett 210-20 MR MARLESRIDGE (D) (J Ross) O Gandolfo 10-10-0 ____ R Estrative 120-20 LEADING ARTIST (J Belfrage) N Gaselee 8-10-0 _____ V McKevit 4

15-8 Pretty Hopeful, 5-2 Sea Merchant, 9-2 Restless Shot. 8 Leading Artist. 10 Mr. https://doi.org/10.16.iden.Green FORM: See Herchard (11-12) bt Marshal Night (rec 13th) SI (2m hicsp, Cheffenham, Nov 11, firm, 2 ran). Restless Shot (11-3) 3rd to Grey Dolohin (rec 10th) bin 171 (2m hicsp, Chepstow, Nov 5, need, 6 ran). Pretty Hopeful (10-1) 2nd to The Mighty Mac (gave 28th), bin 1½ (2m 4d 100yds nicsp, Wetherbry, Oct 29, good to firm, 5 ran), Ident Green (11-8) 2nd to Silver Buck (gave 40), bin 3 (2m 44 silvs, Folkosten, Nov 44, firm, 4 ran). Leading Artist (11-7) 2nd to Noddy's Ryde (gave 50), bin 101 (2m nov. Cheffonham, Nov 12, firm, 3 ran).

3.40 LION GATE HURDLE (handicap, £2,958; 3m) (4)

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Ascot selections 1.0 Don Ginvann, 1.35 Gm N'Lime, 2.10 Dawn Rus, 2.40 Monza, 3.10 Pretty Hepeful, 3.40 Armin

Ayr selections

By Michael Phillips
1.0 Camborne Hill. 1.30 Tartan Trader. 2.0 Full Measure. 2.30 Tumble Jim. 3.0 Run 'N Fly, 3.30 Vino Festa.

Market Rasen selections

By Michael Phillips 12.45 Sweet Diana. 1.15 Arumarval. 1.45 Run A Mile. 2.15 Hilly Way. 2.45

Kempton Park results

Going: hu: Cles. 5000, chaso, firm 12 15 VAUXHALL HURDLE (Div 1 novices: 1650 cm 4) INCHGOWER b p by Ribero - Luine Bell (Alics D Downer) 6-11-0 TOTE Win E7 10 Places, £2.50, £1 30, £1 30 EF, £44 20 CSF: £37.03, W Wyghman at Urham 10t 21 Welcome Handshake (33-1) dtb. tsanemos 7-4 tav. 11 ran.

13:45 RICHMOND CHASE (novices, £1,702.

TOTE, War: £1 50, DF: £1,80, CSF £2,23, L. Kennard, Taumten, St. 21st. Le Champ Talor (8-1) 4th, 4 ran. 1.15 VAUXHALL HURDLE (Dw 2: novices: 2m

TOTE: Wir: £3.50 Places: £1.40, £1.50, £2.10 DF: £5.10, CSF, £10.25, P Mitchell at Epson, 44, 21₅1. Deep in Debt (16-1) 4th, 8 ren.

1 45 YEDDINGTON CHASE (Handicap: £2,691:

2.15 HOUNSLOW HURDLE (Handicap: £1,539: TOTE: Win: \$2.50. Places: \$7.40, £2.10. \$1 70. DF \$5.40, CSF \$2.95. Trioss: £45.30. \$1 70. DF \$5.40, CSF \$2.95. Trioss: £46.30. \$1 70. DF \$5.40, CSF \$2.95. Trioss: £46.30. \$4 81. \$10. ran. NR: Noriok Paguant, Colonel Monck.

107E Wis E5.10. Places £1.80, £5.60, £1.90. DF: £99.40. CSF: £82.38. F Winter at Lambourn. 1, 21. Milhras (10-1) 4th. Samaiajs £2 tov. 24 can.

The Malton trainer Keith Stone's appeal against the relegation of Permabos from first to second place in the Tom Masson Trophy Hurdle at Newbury on November 2

were 714 sponsors active in British more of those at the top are sliding sport, and that 116 new ones had into being full-time performers, even emerged in the first six months of



Ambremont (right) leads solitary rival, Tower Moss, over the last fence on his way to a length victory in Kempton's Staines Steeplechase.

Dawn Run can sound early warning to the Champion

valuable VAT Watkins Hurdle, gets ground a trifle sharp.

off to the best possible start. Permabos was involved in that

mount a serious challenge to Gaye Brief if next year's Champion Hurdle is not to be a formality. Dawn Run showed her worth at Liverpool last Spring when she ran Gaye Brief to a length in the Templegate Hurdle. That performance was all the more meritorious as she had carried 11st 10lb to a 10-length virtual results the second course the secon In that event, Dawn Run gave Amarach 11lb and beat him by 15 lengths. In the circumstances, it is

not surprising to see that Dawn Run is handicapped to give 35lb to Golden Friend, her fellow challenger from freland today, in their own country. At Sandown recently there was little more than a length between Amarach and Golden Friend when they finished first and third in the Holsten Diat Pils Hurdle, Now Dawn Run will actually be receiving weight from

Amarach.
A 10-length win at Down Royal already this month points to Dawn Run being in perfect trim for today's race. The main danger at these weights could be Mayotte, hale and hearty following a successful spell of Flat racing this autumn. But having Band at Kempton Aprk yesterday.

The presence of the crack Irish won over three and a quarter milts. The latter was especially impressive, hurdler Dawn Run at Ascot today on heavy ground. Mayotte could winning the Hounslow Handicap has ensured that their new race, the easily find two and a half on firm

off to the best possible start.

Now that Daring Run has switched to steeplechasing, Ekbalco put down, and Broadsword retired to stud, it will be up to the likes of Dawn Run and For Auction to Dawn Run and For Auction to Tawa Run has controversial race in the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning for the fog at Newbury earlier this month when he was disqualified after winning hurdle.

The main race apart, this must be

one of the most disappointing jumping programmes that Ascot has ever staged and once again the firm ground is to blame. John Francome has a good chance of winning the first and last races on Don Giovanni (1.0) and Areus (3.40).
If Dawn Run wins, John O'Neill

will be hoping to complete a lucrative double by winning the Charles Davis Handicap Steeple-chase on Sea Merchant who gave him his 50th success of the season at Cheltenham only a week ago. But in this instance, I prefere Pretty Hopeful who ran The Mighty Mac to a length and a half at Wetherby o a length and a half at Wetherby st month.

Bearing in mind that The Mighty in the early 1950s. Mac has won his two previous races

very easily indeed, that was a stout performance on Pretty Hopeful's part, albeit at a difference of two stone. Today he will be getting 21lb from Sea Merchant; a concession that could easily prove too much. Richard Rowe, Pretty Hopeful's madequate briefing and control of a jockey, should be brimful with new member of the temporary

This result was something of a consolation for his trainer Josh Gifford, who has earlier seen Approaching run a thoroughly listless race behind Broadheath in

the Teddington Handicap Steeple-Gifford said he was worried blood vessels recently and that he could only hope that Approaching had not done likewise or that he was already sickening for something else at precisely the same time as last year when he also fell victim to the

cough.
The future of Inchgower, who won the first division of the Vauxhall Novices Hurdle quite impressively, lies in steeplechasing over three miles and more in the opinion of his trainer, Bill Wightman. He should know because he was the mastermind behind that great jumper Hallo-

Finally, the stewards at Kempton re-opened their inquiry yesterday into the circumstances under which a member of their ground staff was knocked over and injured by a horse there the day before. They were of the opinion that there had been ground staff and they drew the attention of the clerk of the course

Irish riders take the honours

Irish jockeys won four races at last fence and was all out to win by Towcester yesterday, Niall Madden two and a half lengths from Mr bringing off a double on Peter Oryx.

Anthony and Sailor's Return, and Madden, aged 24, put up a pound Annony Newman and Stanley Moore, riding regularly in this country for the first time this season, scoring on Brahms and Liszt and Hill-Street-

Blues, respectively.

Madden, now attached to David
Nicholson's stable, rode the odds-on favourite Sailor's Return to victory in the Benskins Bitter Handicap
Chase to bring his score for this
season to four. Sailor's Return went
to the front after jumping the second

oryx.

Madden, aged 24, put up a pound overweight on Peter Anthony, but this made no difference in the Britric 55 Hamileap Hurdle, as the heavily-backed 7-4 favourite led all

Gerry Newman was gaining his first success since coming over to join Hugh O'Nell's Dorking stable three weeks ago on Brahms and Liszt who made all the running in Liszt who made all the running in the John Bull Bitter Novices' Chase.

Street-Blues bome a distance ahead of the only other finisher, Pierhead, in the Haig Whisky Novices' Hurdle

Qualifier, was registering his second success since joining Jim Fox's Amesbury stable three months ago. At Tauston the local trainer Les Kennard was in top form, saddling Lucky George and King's Bishop to score and also sending Tudor Road to win at Kempton Park. Lucky George and King's Bishop, both ridden by Colin Brown, carried the colours of Shelkh All-Abu Khamsin.

Ayr programme

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Sampson, 19 Run And Skip, 12 Cosan Cruses, 14 others. 2.0 SYMINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £1,333: 2m 6f) 6 11-41 FULL MEASURE (CD) D Moorhead 7-11-4 A Broughan 7

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2.15 WHITE HART CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS
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Europe sheds no tears as England's arrival comes too late for the party

The European championship hosts have been spared a large scale invasion next summer by an army of violent English criminals who take an ugly and perverted pleasure in deliberately enhancing their own distasteful reputation while thoughtlessly destroying that of

their homeland. France and their fellow qualifiers will be equally comforted that England have failed to reach the last eight. They would rather take on Denmark, the skifful but vulnerable winners of group 3, because Bobby Robson's claim that he is

The reason is his new midfield combination of Bryan one of them. Clemence, ap-Robson and Glenn Hoddle, the peared in only the European cnvy of every national manager championship ties against across the continent if not the Luxembourg), four full backs world. After playing together (and two of them, Duxbury and under Bobby Robson at Wem-Statham, have each been selective in the closing minutes ted only once) and five centre against Luxembourg, when halves (and three of them, Hoddle came on as a substitute, Thompson, Osman and and in the opening minutes Roberts, have each played only against Scotland, before Robson twice). was injured, they have brought

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a new dimension to England. in Hungry and Luxembourg, no

A sigh of relief has echoed willingness to wrap commit- Mabbutt, who made their around the French countryside, ment and industry around his debuts at the end of last year, outstanding talent, no one should doubt that he has emerged as a figure as indispensible as Bran Robson.

Geous at the end of last year, are the only two to have been picked more often than not.

Robson's main problem, as it was for Ron Greenwood during

Significantly, both were miss- the last World Cup, has been ing at home against Greece and Denmark, the two games that cost England three points and their place in the finals. The defence, which conceded merely three goals in the tournament. has been the most consistent part of Robson's team sheets and, with Duxbury at last taking over from Neal, is likely to remain as stable.

Excluding the relatively meaningless tour of Australia "close to producing a good last summer. Robson has side" has over the last two chosen 32 different players in internationals become justified. his 12 internationals. He has included two goalkeepers (and

twice). Had Bryan Robson, Hoddle, Wilkins and Cowans not been Since he created six of the unavailable through injury so seven goals that England scored often and had Coppell's career not ended so abruptly, he would



look the most likely candidates Mariner, aged 30, and Withe, 32, are too old to be retained and the aim as well as the control of Blissett and Regis is anything but dependable. Barnes, who was sadly as discovering as Description in disappointing as Devoushire in Luxembourg on Weddsday night, and Chamberlain are the other youngsters that Robson has brought in. During a winter that will

seem even longer now, England's manager will continue his search for one and preferably two central strikers

The next eight months may be empty but as the door to Europe closes, so the door to the world opens. The draw for the qualifying groups for Mexico in 1986 will be made in Zurich on December 7 and the Football Association will then begin their preparations anew

Apart from competing in the final British championship, England are to visit France at one can doubt Hoddle's artistry. have had no need to experiment the end of February and Did anyone anyway? Now that so widely in midfield. Of his entertain the Soviet Union at mercifully he has shown a dozen representatives, Lee and the beginning of June.

Eddie Barry, the Northern Ireland treasurer, just could not resist it: "Mission completed, Roger and out", he said as the aricraft carrying the Northern Ireland party touched down at Heathrow airport yesterday, after their glorious European

Championship victory against the West Germans in Hamburg on

Wednesday. Billy Bingham, the

Irish manager, never one to underplay his hand, piped up: "You

The Irish richly deserved their moment of self-congratulation. They had succeeded where no

European team dare, at least not for the last nine and a half years, and as

far as the record books can tell, no team have beaten West Germany



Wales should be given extra time

If the Football Association and likely to be involved for postponethe Football League possess even a grain of sympathy for those alleged underdogs from Wales, they will give urgent consideration to helping Mike England's team become the only British qualifiers for next summer's European Championship

finals in France.

The FA of Wales will request that for their final match at home to Yugoslavia on December 14 they should be given the advantage of

the English and Scots have been comparitively dismissive of the Weish and Irish case on the question of the British championship termination is not encouraging. but surely now is a good moment to show some kind of loyalty to the

Scot s style defended by Stein

Scotland have until the end of the-season to get their act together - or face the unpleasant prospect of not qualifying for the next World Cup finals in Mexico. The Scot's latest European Championship failure, a 2-1 defeat by East Germany in Halle on Wednesday, underlined the fact that Jock Stein's strategy has not worked. However, Stein, a believer in disciplined, controlled football, will not order a return to

After his team had finished bottom of group one - their poorest performance in the European of one poor performance. I still feel we are moving in the right direction said: "This ninety minutes has done nothing to change my views. People may think we are better off more time." Wednesday's results

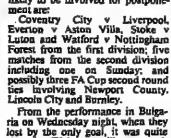
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SOUTHERRY LEAGUE: Premier division: Fersham 1, Hastings 2, Biddland division: VS Rugby 1, Moor Green 1.
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Norwich 1, LEGGIG GIVEN 1, 1980 Ham 4. ISTHIRLAN LEAGUE: Second division: Newbury 2, Epping 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

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Yugoslavia on December 14 they should be given the advantage of getting their squad together for a full week beforehand by the postponement or advancement of League and FA Cop fixtures involving their players.

Alun Evans the Wales secretary. Will make the strongest possible representation to Ted Croker and league secretary Graham Kelly, for it does not need stressing what the advantages would be to the general prestige of British football if Wales was a hard match which might have gone either way. We cannot afford to drop a point in Cardiff but this its certainly one of the best wales teams I have seen over the years."

Mike England, disappointed with the result but knowing that his side

the result but knowing that his side still have a fighting chance, says: "I just hope that our supporters will show enthusiasm and loyalty, for a big crowd at Ninian will be a great help to the spirit of the side. There is no reason why we should not get the victory we need".



Stein: optimistic

thumping the ball upfield and chasing after it, but to me that is suicide. You don't win at this level using those tactics. Good players don't become bad ones just because

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Edgware 1, Kingsbury 0. CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Newcesste 4. Sheffield Wadnesday 2: Sheffield United 2. Nothingham Forest 3: Stotic 0. Derby 1: Sundersand 1, Aston Wife 4: West Bromwich Albion 1. Marchester United 0. Second division: Bernsley 3, Port Vale 1. FRENCH LEAGUE: Lavel 2, Brest 1: Lans 5, Toulon 1: Sochaus 1, Rismes 0; Namcy 1, Baste 3; Bordeszu 4, Appara 1; Strasbourg 0. Paris St Germain 0; Flouen 1, Monaco 0: Toulouse 2, Saint-Etienne 1; Names 2, Metz 1: Mines 2, Life 2. FA YOUTH CAP. First resent: Destrord 2, Winder and Citin 2: Leatherhead 1, Brentford 1, Br

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Combined London Old Boys 42, United
Hospitals 6; Middlessex County Clubs 10;
Bardisys Bank (London) 7, Bardisys Bank
(South Wales) 0
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East UC London 0, Essex 1.
TOUR MATCH: Prench Army 10, Australians
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early goal. The trish heart section to melt when that happens, On Wednesday they incircled their penalty area like a wagon train under attack from warring Apaches. There was nowhere for Rumme-nigge's braves to go. The Irish were as far back as they could go, and if twice in the same competition at European or world level. Today and tomorrow, Northern Ireland stand as clear leaders of qualifying group six, and the day after tomorrow? Liecester City's bome first division match with Southampton, abandoned on October 15 because of a flooded pitch, has now been re-arranged for Wednesday November 30 (7.45). Whether or not the Germans beat Whiteside doubt

Irish can only live for today

When Harry Cavan, the vice-president of FIFA, discusses the merits of the Irish, as second seeds at the Draw in Zurich next month for the World Cup, he will also be hoping, as President of the Irish FA, to see Northern Ireland fall into a group of five teams, from which two instead of one would qualify, and that there are not look many

that there are not too many "pushovers" in the group. Northern

Ireland's problem you see, is scoring goals. And it is this failure that has

At defending they are one of the keenest sides in the world, as the Germans know to their cost, providing they do not concede an early goal. The Irish heart seems to

found them out in Europe.

Norman Whiteside, the goalscor-ing hero of Northern Ireland's to limp meekly over the finishing line first for almost a lucky losers' spot in next year's finals in France, matters not. The irish have unquestionably arrived as a major force, a team to be reckoned with by victory, is likely to be left out of the Manchester United team tomorrow. Garth Crooks, on loan from Tottenham Hotspar, is set to make his debut spainst Watford at Old Trafford, with Whiteside dropping down to substitute. all but the weakest nations. Just as the Irish have done to others, so

Perth (AFP) - Australia, who play Sweden in the Davis Cup tennis final mext month, will men Yugoslavia in Perth in February in the first round of the 1984 competition. Scottish forward joins Watford

Maurice Johnston, the Scotland under-21 international forward, signed for Watford yesterday for a £200,000 fee, and goes straight into the team against Manchester United at Old Trafford tomorrow. I Old Trafford tomorrow. Johnston, aged 20, has scored 35 Crainie, who has been on loan for the team against Manchester United at Old Trafford tomorrow. Johnston, aged 20, has scored 35 goals in 54 games for the Scottish first division club, Partick Thistle— 12 in 15 games this season.
Immediately after returning from

others have done to the Irish.

East Germany with the Scotland party, Johnston travelled to Wai-ford with the Thistle manager, Peter Cormack. The Watford manager, Graham Taylor, said: "I am buying hopefully for the future, and I am convinced that in two or three years this boy will be a prolific goalscorer in the first division."

the last three weeks, the manager, Graham Hawkins, hopes to make another on-loan signing. He already has the maximum of two, with Blair, borrowed from Villa, still inder assessment.

The Middlesbrough manager, Malcolm Allison, has called for strong to improve the free instance.

action to improve refereeing standards. Allison is to ask John Camkin, the secretary of the Football League Executive Staffs Association, to call a managers' associated discuss the matter. The Southampton forward Ian meeting to discuss the matter.

Baird, aged 20, has joined Cardiff
Allison says: "Several management of the control of the contr Allison says: "Several managers I

tha standards and inconsistency of refereting. Two of my players were sent off at Derby last Sanarday. Yet neither David Currie not Tony Mowhray will face disciplinary action from me, because I did not think they did appeting tenne. think they did anything wrong I don't think standards will improve until we have full-time referees." Luton Town chairman. Denis Morimer, yesterday named his price for a takeover of the club by local businessmen - £5m. The price would include shares, ground and players, but met a cool reception from the consortium. The Luton

door, there was always another right behind.

that Rummeniggs played like "a fairy." The players' financial reward for qualifying also came in for

After the flood

Australia look ahead

from the consortium. The Luton Supporters Club chairman, Peter Sell, commented: "Mr Mortimer must be joking". The supporters club backs the consortium.

The Bristol City secretary, John Lillington, has resigned after 16

Casuals look beyond big game nothing other than occasional travelling expenses.

Corinthian-Casnals play Bristol City at Dulwich Harnlet's ground tomorrow in the first round of the FA Cup with one eye on their longterm future. Casuals, one of the few remaining amateur clubs in senior non-league football, are seeking a permanent home after a century of moving from one ground to

another.

Sir Maurice Coop, their president, launching an appeal fund in London yesterday, said that the club were having discussions with the owners of a number of grounds. The club are hoping in particular to reach agreement with Merton Borough Council on sharing the ground in Wimbledon Park. Casuals would need to raise about £50,000 to bring such a ground up to Ishmian League standards and to build a clubbouse.

Casuals shared Tooting and Micham's ground for some 15 years until they were asked to leave at the

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FA CUP

Casuals could have swelled their coffers by up to £10,000 by switching the tie to Bristol, but decided that such a move would not decided that such a move would not have been "within the spirit of the club". That spirit includes the preservation of ideals such as fair play and sportsmanship, although the days when a player who was sent off would never play for the club again are in the past.

Membership of the Corinthians and the Casuals - the two clubs, formed in 1882 and 1883 respectively.

ively, were merged in 1939 - was restricted to former public school and university students, but today it and university students, but today it is open to anyone embracing the club's amateur ideals. The present side includes market traders, porters, electricians, builders and telephone engineers. Several of them could earn good money with semi-professional clubs but choose instead to play for Casuals for

Covent Garden flower dealer, is the only paid official and since his appointment less than three years ago, the club's playing fortunes have taken a marked turn for the better. Before his arrival Casuals regularly finished bottom of the Isthmian League second division, but in the less they want they have finished last two years they have finished sixth and eighth and this season are challenging for promotion.

Casuals have won 11 and drawn one of their last 12 games and are only two results away from the club record of 14 consecutive matches without defeat. In a 9-2 away win two weeks ago against Chensey Town in the FA Vase, Bernie Merron, the leading scorer, hit six goals, the most by a Casuals player since the war. He has scored 23 goals so far this season.

Under Smith's manage Casuals have won nine out of 12 FA
Cup games and this season are
through to the first round for the
first time since 1965, when they lost
5-1 to Watford at Dulwich in front
of 7,309 people.

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(Scot) 1,172-853; M Ferreira (India) bt H
Griffithe (Males) 2,273-827. Group B: J Grech
(Males) bt W Loughan (Ind) 2,558-867; V Elui
(Males) bt H Botsip (Sir Larika) 1,161-1,149; S
Agrawal (India) bt R Lim (Sing) 2,308-1,117.

TENNIS TENNIS
FERRARA, Italy: Indoorer championship: first round: M Gandolfo (US) br F Carnestoni (1) 6-5, redrect; H Pflatter (US) br J Lapidus (US) 8-7, 6-4, 6-3.

LUKEMBOURG: Finel: I Land (US) br J McErroe (SU) 6-4, 6-2: Third place match: G view (Arg) bt W Flock (Po) 6-3, 6-1.

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ANTWERP: European champions champions champion-ship: second round: A Mayer (US) 8-1, 16-bt.

devised in time to check for Somatropin - the growth hormone

Skiling: No snow has fallen so far this autumn at the resort of Dormio in Italy, and the organizers of next week's World Series alpine skiing competition have had to modify the calendar after deciding artificial snow will have to be brought in.

Nick Jeavons, the Moseley flanker who lost his place in the England rugby union side against Canada last month, estimates he will not be fit until March after breaking a bone in his wrist against London Welsh on Saturday.

SQUASH RACKETS: Three major British professional tournaments will switch to new rules this season after the successful launch of the World Championship squash for-mat in Great Yarmouth last week. Debenham Challenge worth
£24,500, the Adidas-Colt cars
tournament of Champtons with
£8,000 prize money and the long
established £20,000 Chichester

Jeavons in the cold

the free dance which, we must hope, will carry them to an Olympic title in Sarajevo in February.

On the evidence of a sneak is assured tonight by an avalanche preview in training yesterday, not of demands for tickets for this only of the free dance but of the four farewell competitive performance of the services that were a service of the services that the services that the services that the services the services that the services that the services that the services that the services the services that the services the services that the services the services the services that the services the services that the services the services that the services the services the services that the services the services the services that the services the services

only of the free dance but of the four other exercises that precede it, the gold medal is a distinct probability.

After the box of tricks embodied in Barnum on Ice last year, the champions have returned to something nearer to ice dance with a dramatic interpretation of Ravel's Bolero. But, "nearer" is a significant equalification since they are never original set pattern this year is ones to follow convention. "It was," powerned by the paso doble rhythm Dean said, "difficult to find somewhere else to go." Thus they have struck out in another original direction since they sustain one single mood for four and a half minutes.

This free dance, building from a slow hypnotic start, has something the need of instrumentalists, has

slow hypnotic start, has something of the flavour of their haunting

Ice skating in Britain reaches a original set pattern Blues of two new pinnacle with the British ice seasons ago, which held a Copenhadance championship, sponsored by Tuborg Lager, in Nottingham tonight, Jane Torvill and Chistopher Dean, world champions now for three years, will publicly display the first dance which we must here.

ICE SKATING

World champions unveil their

new routine before a full house

the need of instrumentalists, has something of the character of an

organ recital. Yet from this characteristically unlikely setting they have conjured up a quite stunning programme.

It is a challenging concept, for there is no insistent evidence of the paso doble beat, and it is unlikely that any other couple in the world

would be able to carry it off. A new record is within the grasp of Torvill and Dean tonight. They of Torvill and Dean tonight. They have won five successive British titles. No couple has ever won six. Among the other entries are Nicky Slater and Karen Barber, who raised the roof of their own Richmond rink during the St Ivel competition in September. But it must deaden all motivation to know that second place, for the sixth time, must be the summit of their ambition.

• The British figure skating team (as opposed to ice dance) for the European and Olympic cham-pionships later this season, will be Susan Garland and Ian Jenkins (Solihull) in pairs. Robinson has thus dislodged Mark Pepperday, who beat him for the British title earlier this month.

BADMINTON

Butler soon frozen out by Frost By Richard Eaton

Morten Frost, who has not lost in 12 singles matches since coming to England 11 days ago, led his side to a 4-0 winning lead in the peoultimate match of the Carlton Challenge at Gloucester on Wednesday. His team now lead 3-2 in the series.

The Dane is playing as well as ever he did when he was the world's No 1 last season and he won 15-8, 15-4 against Steve Butler, of England, aged 20, who trains at Coventry football club.

It was football that cave Frost an

It was football that gave Frost an added lift on Wednesday - as if he needed it. He was a fine football behind.

There was some cynical scalping yesterday in the German media, though. It was suggested that they, like the Irish, might also cause an upset, by bearing Albania, A ground hostess at Hamburg airport thought that Rummenions played like "a player himself until he sustained an ankle injury which caused him to concentrate on badminton. The success of the Danish footballers yesterday also beloed him fix his mind on the job in hand and Butler, though playing as well as anyone in England at the moment, was given a

Twice Frost rescued dropping shuttles that had apparently gone by him and made winning drop-shots. For Northern Ireland, it is now back to domestic business, and that little issue of the last home championship, for which Northern Ireland and Wales were considered not good enough opposition! I wish Scotland luck on their last visit to Relief next month. him and made winning drop-shots. Sometimes, in sipples on this tour, Frost has given the impression of being merely a moving brick wall, but yesterday there were delayed clears and drops that had his opponent changing direction like a cornered fox. There was a ruthlessness in Frost's smashing too, and an extra pride, one senses, about being Danish

So, 100, was there in the work of Steen Fladberg, the other Dane. He is, he says, concentrating more on doubles since his world title success whis were but he singles perform. this year, but

ance was too efficient for Nick Yates, England's joint No 1, who was beaten 15-5, 15-8.

Earlier in the tour, Yates had beaten Fladberg but he was perhaps still slightly below par **TENNIS**

High-level contest By Lewine Mair

Judith Warringa, a top seed, and standing just under six feet, meets someone the same size as herself this morning in Carol Daniels of America for a place in the final of the LTA's international satellite event at the Matchpoint Centre, Manchester. As for the second semi-final, that is an altogether less lofty affair between Suzzie Mair of Scotland, and Isabel Cueto of West Germany.

Miss Warringa seems to have

turned an important corner. In the first part of the week she was thoroughly irritable and her heavy top-spin shots were often mistimed to the extent that they were crashing into the rafters. But yesterday sh had everything under control.

nad everything under control.

In a match which would have spelt trouble for any radio of television commentator, Miss Warringa defeated Ellen Walliser of West Germany. 6-1, 6-2. Miss Walliser, aged 15, tried everything she knew, but she could make little impression tunn an openant when impression upon an opponent who ooked full of confidence.

Miss Mair had a long, hard tussie

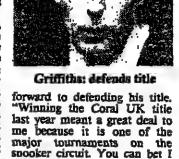
with Ellinore Lightbody of Wales. Miss Lightbody played many a well thought out rally to take the second set and, when she recovered from 1-3 to 3-3 in the decider and went 1-3 to 3-3 in the decider and went to 40-15 in the seventh game, it looked as if she had things under control. The Scottish girl, however, clawed her way back into that game and, after getting to 4-3 found the confidence she needed to tie things

Father and son will make a novel entry

Geoff and Neil Foulds, the first father and son combination in the professional game, provide new interest in the Coral United Kingdom championship which starts today at the Guildhall, Presson. Geoff. the father, aged 44, the resident professional at Ealing Snooker Centre, is the technical advisor to the BBC's television series "Give Us A Break".

Geoff Foulds, who easily won his qualifying group will, on Sunday, meet Steve Davis, the world champion, quoted in the latest odds as the 5-4 on favourite to win the title held by Terry Griffiths, who beat Alex Higgins 16-15 in last year's final. On the same daay Neil Foulds, aged 20, will confront David Taylor only a few yards away, the two matches being

separated by a screen. Griffiths begins the desence of his title today with a match against Dave Martin, and in the evening Willie Thorne will meet Mark Wildman. All matches are over 17 frames except the final which is over 31. Griffiths, Taylor, Jimmy White and Ray whose odds are 13-2, is looking Reardon in his half.



will not give up the title without Griffiths, seeded number one, is in the same half as Tony Knowles, Doug Mountjoy and Higgins. Davis, seeded No 2,

Holmes-Frazier bout has approval of 'Ring'

New York (Agencies) - Ring Magazine, the boxing publication, said yesterday it would recognize the heavyweight bout between Larry Holmes and Marvis Frazier on November 25 as for the champion and heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, said he will consider himself the champion if he beats Holmes. heavyweight bout between Larry Holmes and Marvis Frazier on November 25 as for the champion-thin although it has not been sanctioned by the World Boxing Comuril.

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"It's a legitimate title fight, since

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Randy Gordon, associate editor of

Ring Magazine, said.

The WBC has refused to sanction

t as a fille bout because under its rules a challenger must be in their top 10. Frazier is eleventh. That could change between now and the bout, in Las Vagas, since the WBC is about to release its November and its statement and Employer is likely to the could be about to release its November and the could be about to release its November and the could be about to release the could be about to

decision", Frazier sam.

There are no plants to rush Barry McGuigan, of Ireland, into a world title fight despite his atmanially impressive European featherweight championship win in Kings Hall, Belfast, on Wednesday.

By knocking out Valerio Natl, of Italy, in the sixth round, McGuigan raised himself into the world top 10.

Millionaire manager, Barney Kastwood, is, however, happy to wait for a year to 15 months. for a year to 15 months.

"I believe the people will make the decision", Frazier said.

rankings, and Frazier is likely to IN BRIEF

Miss Osgerby drops out

Anne Osgerby, Britain's leading butterfly swimmer, is out of the European Cup short-course meeting in Ankara, from December 17-18. The Wigan Wasps swimmer, aged 20, set two British records during the European Championships at Rome in August, but she has barely been in the water since because of tendoninis in her right shoulder.

However, Sarah Hardcastle, aged 14, will swim for Britain in Ankara although she is still having treatment on a knee injury.

Adrian Moorhouse, the European

Adrian Moorhouse, the European Championship 200 metres breasts-troke gold medallist, set a new British short course record over the distance last weekend of 2 minutes 16.68 seconds.

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British player Amanda Brown 6-2, 6-3, in the Brisbane Women's Classic event yesterday to earn a quarter-final meeting with Catheriue Suire, from France. Today's fixtures

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HOCKEY

Cheshire's target

By Joyce Whitehead

For the next three weekends the eight Northern counties have eagn. Northern commes nave championship matches. Cheshire hope to equal Sheffield League's 5-0 score when they play Northum-berland at Warrington tomorrow (2.0). Westmorland meet Yorkshire on Vickers ground, Barrow-in-Furness, also at 2.0 and Lancashire play Manchester League, at the same time at Brooklands. On Sunday Durham face Sheffield League at Maidens Castle, Durham, and Lancashire Central League meet. Cumberland at Leyland Foxes.

Devon are doing well this season in spite of the retirement of the one-time England captain, Jenny Tippin. Fresh from their 4-0 win over Berkshire, they play Gwent on

The sudden death of Francie Homer, an officer and delegate of the United States Field Hockey Association, will shock the hockey world. She was a frequent visitor to

Americans in search of first victory By Sidney Friskin

The United States Olympic squad, roached by Gavin Featherstone, an English international and an Oxford Blue, arrive in London today to play a match against Great Britain at Bisham Abbey tomorrow, starting at 10.30cm. This will be the last international for Britain before they leave for Hongkong on Decamber 1, to play in the 10 nations tournament there. nations tournament there.

The Americans have been on an extensive world tour, and although they have not won an international match, they did will to restrict Spain to a 1-0 victory on an artificial surface in Barcelona. They lost 5-2 to Italy on a natural grass pitch whie, according to Featherstone, was not up to international standard. They also lost 4-2 to the Pakinstani juniors. Pakinstani juniors.

its **ead** man Andy Goodway, the Great Britain forward, yesterday refused to play in forward, yesterday remised to play in a reserve game arranged especially for him, by his club, Oldham. Goodway, who has not played since his suspension for eight matches after being sent off at Hull KR on September 25, was to have been remised for the statch of Enlance.

sidered for the match at Fulham on Sunday. But the Oldham coach, Peter Smethurst, said: "I am told he won't play for us again until he has had

Maurice Bamford, the coach who icft Bramley, has been appointed to the post left vacant at Leeds by the resignation of Robin Dewhurst. CANDEN LEAGUE: Polonia bt Roundwood 15-8, 16-14, 15-11.

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believed to be used by some top athletes – at next year's Olympics. But Dr Manfred Donike, one of the team testing for drugs at the Los Angeles Games, believes a test will be ready by the 1988 Olympics.

Festival of Squash.

The nine Midlands counties each play four chapionship matches before Christmas, and tomorrow is the second round, Warwickshire will have a hard game against Staffordshire. Warwickshire, losing their Welsh international, Lorraine Sharp to Berkshire, and Mary Hunter, who has retired, have gaind two youngsters, Gill Barker and Barbara Daniel.

Gloucestershire, unbeaten in four matches this season, have yet to record a win. They have drawn with record a win. They have drawn with Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Hertfordshire, and Gwent, and tomorrow is their great chance. They play Oxfordshire on Smith's ground, Witney at 2.0 but on Sunday they take on Glamorgan on the Civil Service ground in Chetenham. Glamorgan are mostly present or past Welsh internationals.

Sponsors are fewer but prize money up

By Mitchell Platts

The changing face of European golf was illustrated years day with the announcement that in 1984 a record £3.3m in prize money will be on offer in 27 official tournaments played in 14 different countries.
With the arrival in 1975 of the
Tournament Players Section as an autonomous body, there were some 19 tournaments with £4m at stake.

Yet the staggering growth of the game, influenced by the birth of great players like Severiano Ballestoros and increased television cover ros and increased television cover-age, has taken its toll. From 1975, sponsors such as Piccadilly, Sunnic, Penfold, Martini, Sun Alliance, Dunlop and Double Diamond, have disappeared, to leave Benson and Hedges and Carrolls as the

It would seem, too, that the name of Benson and Hedges might disappear, Gallaher have confirmed that the Silk Cut Musters will not be played in 1984, after the loss of television coverage, and that their regular Benson and Hedges international at Fulford in August is in secondary.

ken Schofield, secretary of the PGA European Tour, explained: "With regard to the Benson and Hodges event, Gallaher are reviewing the situation with a view to taking up their option. We must give them time and wait for the outcome. If they should withdraw involvement in the advertising arrangements for cricket and football and the advance of other sports such as snooker. ports such as spooker.

The loss of the Masters is a blow, but from every aspect, the tour, as far as I am concerned, has never been stronger. My aim two years ago was to increase the prize fund from £2.3m to £3.3m and this we have achieved."

The rise in the overall prize fund can be largely attributed to the increase of interest on the continent

played in 1984.

The Tunisian Open, in Sousse, on April 12-15, will, for the third successive season, raise the curtain on the year and that curtain will be



Men with a mission, White (left) and Simpson (right) England's new forwards are in the mood to take on the All Blacks. (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Hookers worry for All Blacks

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The fine weather which has followed the New Zealanders around seems to have ended, and so too has some of their good fortune with injuries as they prepared yesterday for the international with England at

Hika Reid, their first choice hooker, damaged his left hand in training at Lensbury, and this caused considerable anxiety because caused considerable anticety because Brett Wilson, his deputy is also not 100 per cent fit. Wilson strained his neck palying against the south and south west division on Tuesday and has been wearing a surgical collar away from the training field.

Reid, always a bundle of energy during matches, went for an x-ray examination and it is to be hoped that no fracture is revealed. Hookers

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are a hardy breed: Wheeler took a the five selectors, watched Scotinul part of England's training at St Mary's College, Strawherry Hill, yesterday afteration with his left hand supped up following a dislocation during the Midland Division game against the touring side last week.

England, who will have their final report this morning concentrated touring team return home on

The All Black, Craig Green, who is staying on when the New Zealand touring team return house on Sunday, will play for Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV in the annual match against Cambridge University at Grange Road next Wednesday (kick-off 2.30). ranout this morning concentrated their work on set piece situations such as lineouts and kick-offs, developing play from those positions and featuring much use ohigh kicks down the centre of the field and to the wings.

It will not have taken the All Blacks too long to work out that Cusworth and Dodge will be the important playmakers for England.

Richard Greenwood, England's coach, and Michael Weston, one of

A few old hands could make all the difference to Wales

From the evidence of last Terry Holmes, at scrum half, are weekend it will need an extraording from their injuries last many effort by Wales to transform summer with the Lions Often a many effort by Wales to transform what was an incoherent perform-ance in Bucharest into one which will make something of an players.

Impression in the Five Nations The same applies to the All Championship. Between now and Blacks, although, in contrast, they then they will have one more opportunity to study form of the Welsh B team against France B on

With so many new faces already in the senior team thereby making it indistinguishable from the B team one unleindly soul suggested with a beery twinkle in his eye that but for

beery twinkle in his eye that but for that game in Bourg-en-Bresse, we ought, for dignity's sake, to move down the alphabet a bit.

The situation is not one that can easily be remedied by any dramatic and sweeping changes of selection. Not much can be done about the absence of talent but a few old and wise heads might well have made. e heads might well have made difference to the young back

Soudenly the old lands are no longer around and those who felt that perhaps Price and Squire had seen better days are now desply regretting the decision of the two men to seare. Other experienced players who would have made a substantial difference last weekend,

that with the lineout count going hopelessly against them - Rumania won 18 lineouts to nine in the first team can be moulded around four or five strong and influential half and 19-9 in the second - that they would need to make the scrum

Blacks, although, in contrast, they are a shrewder bunch For Mirces Paraschiv, the Rumanian scrum half and captain, The All Blacks have appreciated the game was won in the "kitchen" as he colourfully described it. "That is where the toil and sweat takes place. I am the man", he said in his better than any other team that in such a 20 minute spell as Wales experienced before half time, when created openings, it was important to drive points home. Wales failed to do so and let Rumania off the stambling but securate English.

Cunningham wins B captaincy

Scotland's reserve booker, Bob Curmingham, of Bath, will captain his B team against Ireland B, at his B team against Ireland B, at Melrosc on December 3. He takes over from Kennedy, of Watsonians, whose selection for the full international side nearing the All Blacks made him intelligible.

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(London Scottish).

• PARIS (AFP) - The lock, Jean-Charles Orso, from Nice, has pulled out of the French team to meet Australia in the second inter-Australia in the second inter-national here tomorrow, because his left eye is swollen. Lorieux, of Grenoble, takes his place. Herrero, also of Nice, has had to withdraw as spare hooker, because of a pulled leg-

muscle. Rizon, from Montferrance

Durham glorious in defeat

Pride of place this week is earned by the all-conquering Sedbergh's visit to Durham, also one of the visit to Duranta, also one of the talented sides in the north. Durham were unbeaten at home but lost a splendid march (6-13) in which Sedbergh's defence against the exciting Durham backs, proved crucial.

It was 9-3 at half-time. Durham scored first through a penalty by Rosenberry, but a dropped gaol by Carling and his conversion of a try

by Payne, put Sedbergh ahead,
in the second half Durbam ran
everying, yet fondered on the
Sedberg tacking, Roseberry added a
penalty for the losers and Carling ran from deep to put Krishnan in for a magnificent try, Durham have lost to Ampleforth, Sherborne and now Sedbergh, but have given their

Grammar School, whom usey defeated 14-11.

Worcester led 6-3 at half-time, through a try by Jones which Richmond converted to Fraser's penalty for the losers. But two second half tries from the Spiller de brothers, the second source by the 15-year-old, David, a high promising centre, were decisive; Bristol's source Bagnall and White, the winners' captain and scrum half scored a penaity, and Buckley a try. Leeds collected a try through Pell, their full back. The pressure was fierce and it needed grim, and brave defence from Packlington on their marrows.

Harrow, benefitting from the fact that their team to face Haileybury was the strongest available for the first time, registered a convincing win by 31-3.

RGS Worcester have won 10 of their 12 matches, drawing with Warwick School and losing to King Henry VIII, Coveniry but they might well have lost again to Bristol Roger Utiley, the former Lions and England forward, has been captivated by the unconventional technique of his American wing, Maloney.

Table Tennis Association is over his non-selection for the Scandinavian Open. The ETTA want Prean to play in the English Junior Open rather than in Scandinavia. The Preans, father and son, are refusing ostensibly because they dislike the balls to be used. More, no doubt, well follow in the saga.

Mezzwhile, if tonight he does set the world alight at Wern nobody should blame him. Draw Group One: D Douglas, A G (Poland), J Secretin (France), Group To

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By a Special Correspondent

The draw for the big invitation event starting tonight at Wembley, sponsored this year by Charles Church, keeps apart, until the semi-finals at least, two of the most interesting players in English table tennis history, Carl Frean, the 16-year-old No 1, and Desmond Douglas, the 28-year-old six-times national champion. It is probably to Prean's benefit that this happened.

Rule changes, defeats, loss of form, and more recently, a series of arguments have brought about a mini crisis in his career. Everything seems to have come at once for him;

mini crisis in his carcer. Everything seems to have come at once for him; an O-level re-sit this week, and six inches of growth this year requiring adaptions to his style, particularly in bending for a back hand loop. At 5ft lin and still shooting up, it would be much better if he could somehow prune his growth.

He has suffered five defeats out of six in the European League, four of?

TABLE TENNIS

Time for

Prean

to stop

six in the European League, four of them to players he has beaten before. But he has been experimentbefore. But he has been experimenting, playing without his customary combination bat (with different pubers on each side) and today he will try different colours on each side of a combination bay something that becomes an international regulation as from the stof next year. On current fok Douglas, the winner of both the season's French and German gray prix, should disprove the computanting last week surprising confirmed Prean's top spot.

Argument's have not helped. The confirmed Fran 5 top spot.

Argument's have not helped. The
latest disagreement with the English
Table Tennis Association is over his

will follow in the saga.

Prean's cause was later helped by
the withdrawal of the world's
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to spread the gospel.
Since it launch, just over a year 2go, more than 600 have been sold. At starting prices of less than £7,000 it is probably the cheapest fully-type-approved sports car on the UK market today.

It is also exported to France and Singapore and has just been launched in Germany and Holland. Germany is seen as a key market with sales next year projected to reach two hundred.

That would be enough for most replica firms to cope with. But not Panther. In two years time it plans to invade the North American market. The present premises in Canada Road, Bylleet, Surrey are hopelessly inadequate for such grandiose plans so in a fortnight's time production starts in a new factory half a mile away.

With a touch of nostaleia that will not go amiss on the firm's letter heading, it is situated inside the old Brooklands race track. The target is around eight hundred cars next

Yet less than three years ago, Panther was in the hands of the Official Receiver and seemed destined to follow other specialist car makers who got carried away by volune and ran out of cash. That was when South Koren business-Mr Young Chull Kim appeared on the scene.

He was in London adding another vintage car to his already large stable when he was attracted by a Panther Lima, the Kallista's predecessor, parked outside his hotel. He was surprised to learn that the maker of such an outstanding sports car were on the

market so he bought it. One of the Korean-based companies owned by his Jindo group makes aluminium transporter containers. That involves the use of large sheet metal presses. With little modification, they were put to work producing aluminium bodies to replace the former GRP "plastic"

shells. Today the aluminium body is shipped to Byfleet complete with its box section steel chassis. It gives Panther every specialist car firm's dream, its most costly operation carried on the back of another company's overbeads and in a country with a vast pool of cheap

On the road, the Kallista displays all the shortcomings in comfort, it confidently expects to launch at ride and space that must be next year's Birmingham Interaccepted by anyone contemplating national Motor Show.

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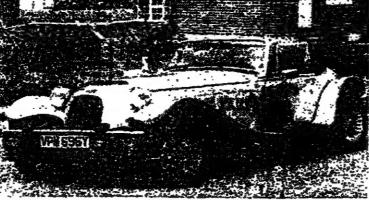
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But it is great fun to drive with sch-like road holding a sporty exhaust note and modern "discs at the front, drums at the rear" brake system which is one of the main reasons why replicas are much safer

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We have all at some time been terrified by caravans swaying uncontrollably. The danger threat-ens both the driver of the towing car and vehicles forced to take evasive action. Solutions have been: many with varying effectiveness.

Now two of the most respected names in the motoring business, Mercedes Benz and AL-KO Kober, the trailer, gardening equipment and do-it-yourself group, have come up with a stabilizing device which is attracting a lot of interest at the Caravan Camping and Holiday Show at Earls Court, London

Put at its simplest, they are using twin towing points on the car connected by swinging links to the caravan. The principle of swinging links is by no means new and AL-KO ran into considerable problems when it produced its first prototype in 1980. These were mainly associated with its bulk and lack of an over-running device.

But both partners were so convinced of the tremendous technical advantages of the system that they persisted and two years later have come up with the AL-KO Geomatic. Tests with conventional couplings have suggested that the most critical speed for the onset of swaying to be 65 mph.

But Geomatic equipped Mercedes 280E towing a single-axle trailer loaded to more than 3,000 lbs reached its maximum speed of 85 mph in complete safety. That is far too fast for most of us and way above the UK caravan limit of 50 mph, but it should be remembered that the French permit caravans to be towed at 130 kph (80 mph) on the auto routes.

lane and skids induced by weather London.

affected surfaces. According to AL-KO the Geomatic is immune to even these because the caravan follows exactly the same track as the towing vehicle.

There is already talk that such an increase in towing safety could lead to towing speed limits being raised. would caution against excess enthusiasm, however, until we have a great deal more practical experience of the system. Although it was shown at Earls Court, it is still not in production and is unlikely to be before 1985.

Weary traveller

Driving back from Germany recently I found myself looking for overnight accommodation within easy reach of Calais and an early crossing next morning. It was a filthy evening at the end of an equally awful journey in rain driven by gale force winds. My only thoughts were of a warm bath, a good meal and bed.

But it seemed that most of the motorists on the road that evening had the same thought. One hotel after another on the busy N43 declared itself full. I did manage to get in finally but it cost the earth and how I wished for more information about the Auberges and Relais in the villages adjoining the main road.

I have just acquired the answer in the shape of French Entree, the Townsend Thorensen guide to the French Channel ports and their environs. I knew as soon as I began to read the down-to-earth comments of its author Patricia Fenn that this handy little book would join my dog-cared pack of Michelin maps as a must for all future cross-Channel trips.

Her comments on Hotels I have stayed in were in line with my own experience. At £3.75 it is good value. I have already ear-marked a number of interesting looking cheap hotels and restaurants for my next trin.

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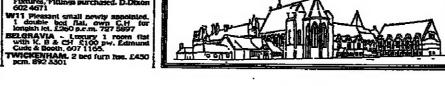
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9.00 My Music: Steve Race tests the musical knowledge of Frank Muir, John Amis, Denis Norden and Ian Wallace (r). Norden and Closedown at 9.25.

10.30 Play School: Ann McGovern's story Too Much Noise (r): 10.55 Play Ideas; Closedown

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> 5.40 Stody Minutes: includes news at 5.40, regional magazines (5.53), weather (6.15) and closing headlines (6.38). Timings are approximate

6.40 Friday Sportstime: Desmond Lynam presents the weekend

magazine, includes items on the opening of London's new £3 million nightspot at the Hippodrome. Les Davison istrates the art of playing the plano very badly, and there are interviews with Robert Redford and Ringo

7.20 Film: Carry on Cleo (1965) Cleopatra, Mark Anto Geopetra, Mark Antony, Caesar, and Co in Incidents the history books omitted to mention. With Kanneth Williams, Sidney James and (as the saucer-eyed Queen of the Nile) Amanda Barrie.

8.50 Points of View: More quotes from Barry Took's postbag. 9.00 News: with Sue Lawley. And weather for the weekend.

9.25 Knots Landing: Val volunteers Gary's services to Abby for Fathers' Mont at school: and Jackson Mobiley leads to

10.15 My Kind of Music: The choice is Barbara Dickinson's. She nnears with her band and vith her guest Colin

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3.30 Sons and Daughters: Fourth episode of this drama serial about two families. 4.00 Children's ITV Rainbow (r): 4.20 Dangermouse (r); 4.25 Sooty. 4.50 Freetime: How to make a hovercraft. Also/pie in

the sky; 5.15 The Young Doctors: Australian medical 5.45 News: 6.00 The 6'Clock Shows news features, star guests, and Michael Aspel in a live

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homeland are threatened. With George Peppard and Mr T. 8.30 A Fine Romance: The Judi Dench/Michael Williams comedy series with a touch of class. Laura (Miss Dench) plans a dinner party that she hopes will provide a perfect evening's entertainment. But things begin to go wrong.

9.00 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: Episode two of this comedy serial about a bunch of Tyneside 'brickies' working on German construction site. The brief "honeymoon" period is over. Neville (Kevin Whately) is in danger of losing his job. And Oz's (Jim Nall)

10.00 News from ITN. 10.30 The London Programme: Tony Taylor presents this report on the hunt for two rapists operating in separate parts of London - Notting Hill and

erviews with some of the victims and with members of the public, angry with the nolice's lack of success in inding the attackers. Continental Movie: Knife in the Head (1978) Political thriller, set in West Germany, 10.30 Newsnight: buildtine and

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Michael Carreras

5.40 The Friday Western: The

Two things need to be said right away about THE SPIRIT OF KITTY HAWK (Radio 4, 4,10pm). The spirit of the title is inspirational and not supernatural: Kitty Hawk is not a person but a coastal town on the coast of North Carolina where the coast of North Carolina where the Wright Brothers, Wilbur and Orville flying their rickety aircraft for less than a minute back in 1903, bumply wrote the first page in the history of powered flight. And the second thing that must be said about Ivan Rendall's six-part series, which celebrates 80 years of man's emulation of the birds, is of man's emutation of the birds, is that although it is very much about flying machines, it is much more about the magnificent men who flew them. There is, for example, not a single structural statistic (i.e. length, weight, or wing span) in the whole of today's inaugural episode and, except for the odd reference

CHANNEL 4

5.00 The Munsters: Horror-film

spoof. Herman (Fred Gwynne gives the idea his blessing

ntends to run away from

5.30 The Tube: Rock programme. In addition to items on the new videos, news, and interviews,

there are appearances by ZZ. Top, Ram, Bucks Fizz and

another lecture from the University of Life from Mark

Miwurdz, Also, a look back at minutes. Also, a rook back at a pioneering television pop programme, Ready, Steady, Go. Among the famous names on this EMI video are The

7,00 Charmel Four News, Includes

Right to Reply: Channel 4

viewers put their views to the programme makers, Gus Macdonald introduces the

programme, and keeps the

eighth film in this 13-part series featuring Gerald and Lee Durrell, Tonight: the

wildlife on the rocky coasts of

Jersey, Channel Islands, where the husband and wife

naturalists live, and along the cliffs of Uist in the north of

Scotland, which they visit.

8.30 A Week in Politics: With Peter

Jay. Tonight's adition is

devoted to the politics of

prisons, and there is an

interview with the Home

Secretary, Leon Brittan.

9.15 Rockers Roadshow: Black music, from Britain's clubs and

pubs. Tonight, entertains from The Asylum, in

include Marcia and the

10.00 The Paul Hogan Show: The

10.30 Picture of Health: A Bit of

Class. First of eight

left to doctors and other

Modettes, Jackie Kenton.

Pegasus and Hyson Green's Realistics. Plus the Natural

comedy show that is to the liking of a great number of Australians – and, it seems, to

documentaries that argue that health is too important to be

experts, Ordinary people, say

understand what illness is, and

inequality effects the health of

many London East Enders.

Saturday Night and Sunday Morning (1960") Gritty, few-

punches-pulled film version of Alan Sillitoe's book about the

noncomformist Nottingham factory worker (Albert Finney)

who has the stuffing knocks

out of him. An important film

Reisz's entry into feature film

direction. Finney was strongly supported by Rachel Roberts,

ecause it marked Karel

Shirley Anne Field, Hylda

Rossington. Ends at 1.00.

Baker and Norman

(See Choice.)

11.20 What the Censor Saw:

many Channel 4 viewers.

8.00 The Amateur Naturalist: The

when Eddle announces that he

to the use of wood and fabric and to the use of wood and tabric and to Bleriot's plane looking like a flying bloycle, there is a total absence of verbal pictures of the odd contraptions in which the ploneers risked, and sometimes lost, their lives, if you must have pictures, the current issue of Fladio Times has them, though the oublication's portraits of the fivers

 The one-sided argument put forward with some force and a great many grim statistics in PICTURE OF HEALTH (Channel 4,

CHOICE

publication's portraits of the fivers themselves - like Wilbur Wright's on the left - are largely redundant, thanks to the clearly-defined word portraits in Mr Flendali's gallery of men with wings.

10.30pm) in that socal inequality is

Radio 4

8.00 News briefing.
6.10 Parming today, 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News, 6.45 Prayer, 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.90, 6.00 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yeaterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather; Travel, 9.08 News.

9.05 News. 9.05 Desert Island Discs Sir Peter Hall, director of the National

Schlesinger, Theodore Scrensen, Gene Rostow and George Bail, Today: the Bay of Pigs incident; Vietnam; and the Cube missile crisis. Presented

by Edmund lons.

11.48 Natural selection 12.00 News; You and Yours.

12.27 Top of the form. Boston High

School v Colchester County Fligh School for girls (r) 12.55 Weather; Programme News 1.00 The world at one: News 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

Porceast
News; Woman's hour from
Manchester, Iris Lemare, who is
80, talks about her long life in
conducting and making music.
Also, post-natal care for
mothers and bables, And the
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3.00 News: Sybli (new series' or 'The Two Nations' by Benjamin Disraest (1) f(r)

4.00 News; Just after four

4.10 The Spirit of fittly hawk (new series) The story of some of the people who have made aviation history, told in six parts by Ivan

BBC 1 Wales 12.57-1.00 pm News
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bad for your health. The death rate in Tower Hamlets, an unlovely empire of high-rise flats in London's East End, is one of the

in Carole Pick's provocative film— the first of eight which make a firm connection between health and politics—is well endowed with powerful image makers, like the man who recalls that the statue of Justice atop the Old Bailey has its back to the East End and its arms open to the West End.

highest in the country. In the world of Social Class 5, worms and unthinkably filthy water creep up into the bath; little girls fall down into the bath; fittle girls fall down sewer outlets; an asbestos victim spits into the gutter; a man recovering from an operation has to drag himself up 38 ffights of steps. The line-up of East Enders who state the case for an urgent and drastic environmental re-think in Carole Pick's provocative film—the first of eight which make a firm

Rendall (1) Orville and Wilbur Rendall (1) Crylle and Wilbur Wright etc.
4.48 Story time: "How Green Was My Valley" by Richard Llewellyn (5)5.50 PM: News Magazine 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather; Programme News 6.00 The six o'clock news; Financial Becom

6.30 Going places. The world of travel and transport 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

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2.45 Feedback, Your views and comments about BBC radio and TV put to producers and 19 put to producers and management.
10.00 News: International assignment. BBC correspondents raview a contemporary issue.
10.30 Morning story: 'A Fine Place for a Car' by Margaret Bonham. Read by Margat Boyd.
10.45 Daily service
11.00 News; Traval; The 1,000 days of John F. Kennedy, First of two documentary programmes about the Kennedy presidency. The contributors include J K Galbraith, Dean Rusk, Arthur Schlesinger, Theodore

11.15 The Financial World tonight 11,30 Today in parliament

Archives 12.00 News 12.10 Weather 12.15 Shipping Forecast ENGLAND VHF as above

7.20 Pick of the week Programme highlights with Margaret Howardt 9.10 Profile. A personal portrait 8.30 Any questions? from Northern Ireland with Roy Hattersley, Sit John Biggs-Davison, Claire Brooks, and Tim Pet Coogan.

9.15 Letters from America by Alistain

Cooke

9.30 Kalaldoscope, Arts magazine, includes a review of the ITV drama serial, Kannedy, Plus an interview with Elizabeth Langford about the Whitbread Literary Awards. The winners, too, are interviewed. Also a review of the Shared Experience's production of False Admissions and Successful Strategies (at the Lync, Hammersmith), 9.59 Weather,

10.00 The World Tonight: News 10.35 Week ending a satirical review of the week's news† 11.00 A Book at Bedtime: 'Sour Sweet'

by Timothy Mo (5). Read by David Sucher 11.45 Glyn Worsnip in the BBC Sound

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SCOTTISH As London except 12.30pm-1.00 Consider Yourself. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Passionate Friends (Ann Todd). 3.30-5.00 One of the Boys. 5.15-5.45 Emmandale Farm. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Sports Extra. 8.45-7.00 Hear Here. 10.30 Ways and Means. 11.00 Late Call. 11.05 Film: Terror From Within. 12.20am Closedome.

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Radio 3

5.55 Weather. 7.08 News.
7.05 Morning Concert. Part one.
Strauss (Introduction,
Capricolo), Crussell (Sinfonia concertante for clarinet.,
bassoon, horn and orchestra),
Mozart (Eine kleine Gigue, K 574
Dag Wiren (Serenade for Strings),
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5 Sings. ecretary, Department of nergy), and Sylvia Ostry, the anadian economist. 10.05 Amold Bax Centenery: concert by the BBC Phil Orch, with Rita Culls, soprano. Includes the Northern Ballads 1, 2 and 3, and the world premiers perfor of the Two Noctumes for or me Two Noctames for soprano and orchestra, 1911.† 10.50 Harpsichord Music: recital by Stanislav Heller. Works by Ascanic Mayone, Michalengelo Rossi, and Froberger.† 11.15 News. Until 11.18. VHF only – Open University: 11.20pm-12.10am

9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer: Borodin, Constantin
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excepts train Prince Igor. With
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Schubert: Rosemarie Wright

Schubert: Rosemarie Wright (plano) plays Tomasek's Ecloques, Dr 35, Nos 3, 8 and Op 51, Nos 1 and 3, Also Vorisek's Impromput, Op 7, No 5 and other works by him.? 10.35 Northern Sinfonia: with Stephen Varcoe (baritone). Mozat's Symph No 24, Finzl's Songs from Love's Labours Lost, David Ellis's Diversions for chamber orchestraand Sibalius's incidental music, Peléas et Mélisande, ?

11.35 Garland for Walter de la Mare: Mark Rowenson (baritone) and Paul Hamburger in Howell's

12.15 Midday Prom: Part one. Beathoven (overture, Carlolan) and Hindernith's Symphony; Mathis der Maler.)

1.00 News.
1.05 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.
1.20 Midday Prom: part two. Weber's Clarinet Concerto No 1 (with

Clarinst Concerto No 1 (with Janet Hilton, soloist) and Brehms's Variations on St Armhony Chorale.†

2.05 Viota and piano: recital by Takeshi Shimizu and Gordon Back. Schumann's Sonatz No 1 in A minor, Seint-Saens's Sonatz No 1, and Sarassate's Introduction and Taratella.†

3.00 Haydn and Field: New Irish Chamber Orchastra, with John O'Conor (piano). Haydn's Symph No 73, and Field's Piano Conc No 3.†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from the Chapel of Clare College, Cambridge. A live transmission.†

4.55 News. 5.00 Mainty for Pleasure: Fritz Spiegi's selection of music marks 300 years of Turkish

marks 300 years of Turkish music in Europe.†

6.30 Music for Guitar: Recital by Siegfried Behrand. Works by Mitan, Roncall, Diabelli, Segovia, and John McCabe (Carno).†

7.00 Songs by Chausson and de Breville: recital by Ruud van dar Meer (baritone) with piano accompaniment by Rudolf Jansen.†

accompaniment by Fludoti Jansen.†
7.30 Cabrielli String Quarist: Recital. Part one. Britten's Quartet No 3. With Olga Hegadus (cello).†
8.00 The Winking Goose: John Arden on John Skelton.
8.20 Cabriel String Quartet: Recital: Part two. Schubert's Quintet in C, D 956.†
9.20 Third Opinion: National and international issues, discussed by economist Peter Oppenheimer, Sir Donald Maidend (former Permanent

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Yound Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Diffrent Strokes. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.30-7.00 Follow That. 10.30 Lord Home, 11.00 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace*. 12.00

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Consider Yousself. 1.20 News. 1.39-2.00 Preview. 5.15-5.45 Diffrent Strokes. 6.00-7.00 News. 10.30 Baretta. 11.30 News. 11.35 Film: Bomb at Ten: Ten (George Montgomery). 1.15am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 12.30 pm-1.30 Consider Yourself, 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days, 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 So What's Your Problam? 18.30 Press Call. 11.00 Sweeney. 12.00 Benson. 12.30am Closedown.

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Ministers back crackdown on soccer hooligans

A crackdown on football hooliganism, including tougher burg Sports Minister, was not sentences and tighter, police present in Rotterdam because control at grounds, was unamimously backed yesterday by sports ministers from the 21 members of the Council of

Europe. Meeting in Rotterdam as Luxembourg was counting the cost of the match against England, the ministers agreed a five-point programme aimed at stamping out what one of them called soccer terrorism.

At the same time, the ministers in part blamed the media for "dwelling on violence by players or spectators". The meeting, arranged

months ago, was nevertheless overshadowed by the "battle of Luxembourg" of the previous

The authorities in the Grand Duchy say around 150 English fans were detained for fighting looting and drunkenness. Most had been released by yesterday morning and deported, al-though 30 arrested in connexion with more serious crimes were still in custody.



The mood of yesterday's meeting in Rotterdam was that those found guilty should be kept in prison for a very long

Mr Neil Macfarlane, the British minister, was foremost in pressing for stiffer sentences and it was his text which was agreed as a final declaration by

For years past, he said, countries had been making rods for their own backs by simply deporting fans arrested for hooliganism. It was clear that, if the Luxembourg courts decided to impose stiff jail sentences on English supporters, there would be no efforts made to get them

Mr Emile Krieps, the Luxemhe was making a statement to his own parliament about the incident

But his deputy, Mr Georges Lanners, described a night when six cars were overturned, 12 shops looted and hundreds of windows smashed and when his countrymen were frightened to walk the streets. Chemist shops, he said, had been raided by people looking for drugs.

The ministers in Rotterdam drew up a code to combat hooliganism, but many admitted privately that they believed it was impossible to end.

The code calls for Closer cooperation between national authorities, especially police forces: "adequate" police numbers inside and outside the ground; segregation of rival supporters at matches; close control of ticket sales and restrictions on the sale of

Mr Joop van der Reijden, the Dutch minister, who chaired the meeting said it might be necessary to stop the sale of alcohol on Channel ferries and aircraft before matches or for governments to intervene to prevent games being held if they were thought to be dangerous.

He asked how long if was possible to risk the lives of policemen "to keep calm people who can't be kept calm". It all amounted to terrorism and he wondered whether the game of football was really worth all the trouble it caused.

In the European Parliament Macfarlane: Seeking at Strasbourg, Mrs Barbara stiffer sentences. Castle, leader of the Labour group, apologized on behalf of the British people.

> In Luxembourg, Sir Humphrey Maud, the ambassador, apologized personally to Mrs Lidie Polfer, the Mayoress, She said: "It is a shame that people from the country which has given the world the term 'fair play' should behave like this."

An emergency meeting of Luxembourg City Council agreed that never again should a side be allowed to play there unless it was specially invited. This means that England would not quickly be asked to play there again, especially as a similar wave of violence followed its match there in 1977.

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JKF remembered: Senator Edward Kennedy and Caroline, daughter of the late President, during a Capitol Hill tribute by Congress to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Dallas

French jets bomb Shia HQ

have taken place without

American help and blessing." Shortly before the French jets had struck, a huge funeral procession for the 43 killed in srael's raids had wound through the streets of the city as crowds screamed: "Death to America, death to Russia - we

love martyrdom". Shaikh Subhi Tofeili, the leader of the "Party of God". whose men were also bombed by the Israelis, urged thousands of mourners to launch new attacks on the Americans, French and Israelis. "They have waged open war on us - and war they will get", he shouled. "America, France and Israel have started this war. Our fighters, who wear their death

Lebanon and elsewhere." America and France would

the former Shaikh Abdullah army barracks on the hills east of Baalbek.

Hundreds of Lebanese Shia Muslims and Iranian Revolutionary Guards - the latter brought into Lebanon by Syria - stormed the compound earlier this year, seizing Lebanese armoured vehicles and evicting

Mr Moussavi's men have maintained their HQ in the old 29-room Khawan Hotel beside the Ras el-Ain springs. This, too, was reportedly devastated in the French attack. The road up to the barracks had been lined with placards depicting the Ayatollah Khomeini and denouncing America and Israel. There was no word of

casualties from the raids, although Mr Moussavi often stayed at the Khawam and be unwise to ignore such a several Iranian families are warning. The French jets began believed to have lived in the cause.

their raids shortly after 4pm on barracks with the Revolution-

Yesterday's attacks marked not only a growing impatience on the part of the multinational force, but also a further step away from its peacekeeping mandate. Revenge against Shia and Iranian extremists in Syrian-occupied Lebanon is not necessarily conducive to the restoration of Lebanese government sovereignty in the coun-

The events in the Beksa Valley tended to obscure the military cordon tightening around Mr Yassir Arafat in the northern city of Tripoli during the day. Mr Arafat's Palestinian opponents were variously promising to give him safe passage out of Tripoli and demanding that he be tried by a revolutionary court for his "crimes" against the Palestinian

RC bishops call for **UK** control of cruise By Clifford Longley

Cardinal Basil Hume and the Roman Catholic bishops of England and Wales expressed their grave concern yesterday at the deployment of cruise missiles in Britain. It was clearly desirable that ultimate control over their use should be in British hands, they said.

Their statement came a day

after the publication in The Times of Cardinal Hume's defence of nuclear deterrents in the light of its "morally ambiguous" character. He said yesterday that the bishops' joint statement on the cruise issue was an application of the principles he had set out.

The cardinal refused to speak much about the position of Mgr Bruce Kent, general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, saying that their elationship was private.

He said they were due to meet to discuss recent events, including Mgr Kent's speech on Sunday praising the British Communist Party's work for Reports of the speech had

surprised him, but he said that Mgr Kent's words were often not reported fairly. He has asked for a full copy.

The bishops' statement on cruise, agreed at their confer-ence in London which ended esterday, said that the arrival of the new missiles had caused anger and unrest.

For many, this installation of new weapons of mass destruction creates a heightened fear of nuclear warfare.

In addition, there is still some uncertainty as to whether ultimate and clearly desirable control over the use of these missiles rests with our elected leaders."

Many people saw cruise as an obstacle to disarmament. Their deployment would make it more difficult for the Government to demonstrate convincingly its commitment to progressive mutual disarmament The "fish on Fridays" rule is not to be imposed on Roman Catholics in England and Wales, at least not vet. At the end of the meeting of

the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference Cardinal Hume said that the present request to Roman Catholics to observe Fridays by some act of penance will continue. There would be further consultations within the church, leading to new guidelines later. Greenham protest, page 2

Missile strategy, page 14 Leading article, letters, page 15

Frank Johnson in the Commons

The delicate art of shadow boxing

Mr Nigel Lawson, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, arrived at the despatch box yesterday to announce his first autumn statement. Perhaps more memorably.

he arrived also to announce his first autumn insult to Mr Roy Hattersley, the new shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr Lawson read his statement and sat down. Mr Hattersley huffed into action in his vigorous, well-briefed, highly-competent, completely unconvincing fashion. "I welcome the Right Hon Gentleman to his new shadow post," Mr Lawson began his reply. "I am sure that he will improve with time." The insult was well-received in the City. But Mr Lawson made it clear during

further exchanges with Mr Hattersley that he reserved the right to make further insults during his Budget speech in the spring or if and when, in his judgment, the economy required it. At the end of trading in the

House yesterday, there was no major change in stocks of either Lawsons or Hattersleys. On the Conservatives benches, the market has not yet whether Lawsons are a shrewd buy. Mr Hattersley's indignation had been discounted in advance. The future remained uncertain.

On the evidence of their brief encounters so far this autumn, the two men seem to get on as an ambitious, combative Chancellor and an ambitious, combative shadow Chancellor should. They loathe each other But Mr Lawson has a considerable edge in past experience of the subject.

So, as Mr Lawson read his statement, Mr Hattersley studed the text with a wary look. "Downward pressure will continue to be exerted on public borrowing." Mr Lawson intoned as Chancellors are wont to do. Mr Hattersley assumed a knewing look when all he could really think about was the need for him to continue to exert downward pressure on Mr Lawson.

.The Chancellor ended his statement by saying that for the first time for many years we were now enjoying low inflation and steady growth. Alas, Mr Lawson added one of those pieces of pep-talkese, beloved of all Chancellors, which however true, always draw a scoff from the other

combination.

"Our task," he added, making it worse, "is to keep that winning combination by sticking to - and indeed reinforcing - the policies which have brought it about." Renewed scoffs. Mr Hattersley rose. He knew he was scoffing for the whole Opposition when he said the Chancellor had done nothing for unemployment. Mr Hattersley continged on this and related themes, for some time. Just when wer assumed he had reached his summing up, he said he had "four specific questions." The Tories grouned. So inwardly did those many Labour members who prefer general to specific questions, "Actually, five spe-cific questions," Mr Hattersley added, defiantly.

Mr Hattersley being specific is much less fun than Mr Hattersley being general, and we all soon lost interest in these five specific questions. That is, except for Mr Hattersley, the only person in the House who could remem-ber what they were by the time Mr Lawson rose to reply to

When Mr Lawson failed to give him satisfaction, Mr Hattersky protested.

He gave warning that he would ask some of the

questions again next week, and we all believed him. As always on these occasions the proceedings drifted off into the endless complaints on behalf of various interests. Mr Lawson - a man whose open irritability with such lamentation is secretly admired in many parts of the House and admirable, ill-temper when confronted with such a

The largest score of complaint came from the ever maudlin Mr Jack Ashley, the Labour member for Stoke-on-Trent South. He asked how, when people were dying from lack of kidney machines, and other people were unem-ployed, Mr Lawson was spending so much on defence in the Falklands. It was a score which thus included the grievances of sufferers from kidney complaints; manufac-turers of kidney machines; the unemployed: the Greenham Peace Women; the inveterate Labour opponent of the Falklands war, Mr. Tam Dalyell; and the Argentine armed forces and was a personal best from Mr Ashley.

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Today's events

Royal engagements The Princess of Wales visits Maytrees Home for the Blind, East

Princess Anne attends a special performance of "The Great Waltz" by the Bristol Light Opera Club at the Bristol Hippodrome, 7.20. New exhibitions

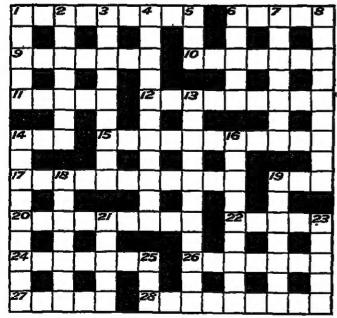
Colouring Metals: a Crafts Council exhibition of work by two

Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlan Square, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends January

1984). The Nude - approaches through drawing, Herbert Art Gallery, 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5 (ends January

and oils by Ali Darwish, the Winchester Gallery, Park Avenue, Winchester, Hampshire; Mon to Fri 9 to 6 (ends today). Work by Stuart Roy, University

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,290



ACROSS

- 1 It helps to show car is in reverse,
- 6 A little bit of Murphy's firm (5). 9 Boasted, see, 'aving supernatural 10 Weighty matter for a dolphin
- hind (5). 12 Ran in grandiose fashion (9).
- 15 In both sets, I am disposed to lose my opportunity (4,3,4). 17 They don't make fast relative speeds (6.5).

14 Mountain boy (3).

- 19 A way of paying for fish (3). 20 The ability to endure and enact role that's complicated (9).
- 22 One imprisoned in Greece; there's no hope for him (5). 24 Weapon drawn by Munchhan sen (7). 26 A character of "Great Expec-
- tations", he has concealed a rise perhaps (7). 27 Precise demand (5). 28 He can't keep up - because he's

(6,3).

1 Opera setting in France (5).

holding a horse? (9).

2 Doctor with international organization, a man often tight (7).

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4 Dreary Frank does go haywin

Adopts displaced small boy, for

14 Game - it's not worth much (9).

16 Midshipman working with 20

5 Dog Latin quotation (3).

7 I am too old for love -

laying it on thick (7).

payment later (4-5). 13 Collect a bee (3-8).

18 Runner saving a city (7).

19 Suitable, wanting nickel

21 Android - Bobby has to put up

25 What all soldiers initially used

Solution of Puzzle No 16,289

(4-5).

harden (7).

to be (3).

with him (5).

23 Part of stair is erect (5).

6 Links a lot of feet (5).

Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow

College of Swansea, Singleton Park. Swansea, Mon to Sat 9 to 5 (ends)

Organ recital by Herrick Bunney,

shrouds, shall go after them in

Music McEwan Hall, Edinburgh, 1.10. Concert by Scottish National Orchestra, Usher Hall, Edinburgh,

Last chance to see 7.30.
Piano recital by Malcolm Scott,
Lower College Hall, University of
St Andrews, Fife, 1.20.
Recital by Isabelle Flory (violin), St Ives and the Sea: watercold

Robin Colvill (piano), Kinsteary
House, Naira, Morayahire, 8.
Recital by Peter Mountain
(Baroque violin) and Angela Dale
(piano), Corran Halls, Ohan, 8. Talks, lectures 21 years of Scottish Opera, by Neville Garden, Eden Court

Theatre, Bishop's Palace, Inverness Acid rain, by Christer Agren Birmingham and Midland Institute

General

Eastern Counties Craft Market, Rhodes Centre, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, 18th to 20th, Fri and

Exhibitions in progress
Designs from Vienna to Hollywood, by Erust Dryden, 1883-1938,
Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria
Square, Half; Mon to Sat 10 to 5,
Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (ends Dec 18).
Paintings by Ken Taylor Maclan-Paintings by Ken Taylor, Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr, Mon to Sat 11 to 5 (ends Nov 22).

Flight resumed

The "Silver Arrow" air service between Shoreham and Le Touquet resumes today after a break of nearly 33 years. The British and French authorities have allowed Jersey European Airways to operate the service between Shoreham and Le Touquet that was closed down in February 1951. A Twin Otter twoengined turbojet, with a score of passengers, will fly on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Ski specials

French Railways are to introduce a direct overnight train service with a discotheque, to the French ski slopes during the coming season. Starting on January 6, skiers will be able to leave Victoria at 1.58pm on a Friday and connecting with a couchette train at Calais, will wake in the resorts of Bourg-Saint-Maurice and St Gervais at 9 the next morning. Second class return fare will be £97.90. Further information is available from SNCF press office.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Amend-ment) Bill, second reading.



Food prices

With the onset of colder weather, shoppers will be more interested in Cassaroles, stews and pot roasts. choice, is slightly more expensive that of late, up to £1.88 a pound, but Sainsburys have it on special offer at \$1.28. Boneless brisket is between \$1.34 and \$1.66 a pound. For hotpots try cubes of lean pork; prices show little change, with boneless shoulder between 90p and \$1.30 accords on the \$50 to \$

£1.30 a pound, and leg for 89p to £1.20. For roasting, topside, silverside and thick flank of beef are between £1.88 and £2.25 a pound. Tesco have veal on promotion at £1.68 a pound. Supplies of home-produced lamb have improved and prices remain steady, with whole leg between £1.28 and £1.60 a pound and whole shoulder 76p to £1.00. Depathwest are offering whole New Dewhurst are offering whole New Zealand lamb carcases from £19.50 and sides from £10.27, with 5lb packs of chops for £4.95.

Fresh fish prices are still coming down, with cod averaging around £1.26 a pound, haddock £1.28 and

Best apple buys are still Cox's at Best apple buys are still Cox's at 25-45p a pound, depending on size, French and Spanish Golden Delicious 22-30p. Russets 26-38p and, for cooking, Bramleys at 25-35p Avocados are 25-35p each, and best value in grapes are Spanish Almeria at 30-38p a pound.

Anniversaries

Births: Pierre Bayle, philosopher, Carla-Bayle, France, 1647; Sår David Wilkie, painter, Cults, Fife, 1785; Carl Maria von Weber, Eutin, 1785; Carl Maria von Weber, Eutin, Germany, 1786; Louis-Jacques Dagnerre, pioneer of photography, Corneilles, France, 1789; Sir William Schwenk Gilbert, London, 1836; Ignacy Jan Paderewski, pianist and Prime Minister of Poland, Jan 1919-Nov 1919, Kurylowka, 1860; Parcy Wyndham Lewis, artist and writer, at sea, 1882; Deaths. Chester Arthur, 21st president of the USA, 1881-84, New York, 1886; Marcel Proust, Paris, 1922; T. P. O'Connor, journalist and politician, London, 1929.

The pound

	Bank	Book
	Buys	Sells
Australia S	1.67	1.59
Austria Sch	29.20	27.60
Belgium Fr	84.00	80.00
Canada S	1.89	1.82
Dentmark Kr	14:88	14.18
Finland Mikk	8.86	
France Fr	12.45	11.95
	4.12	
Germany DM		150.00
Greece Dr	158.00	
Hougkong \$	11.90	11.30
Ireland Pt	1.32	
Italy Lira	2485.00	
Japan Yes	364.00	346.00
Netherlands Gld	4.63	
Norway Kr	11.54	
Portugal Esc.	200.08	190,00
South Africa Rd	1.73	1.60
Spain Pta	236.50	227.50
Sweden Kr	12.17	11.60
Switzerland Fr	3.34	3.17
USA \$	1.52	1.47
Yugoslavia Dar	220.00	207.00

ns supplied yearerday by Retail Price Index; 340.7

Midlands: A38: Contraflow at Alrewas, Staffordshire, M.I. Con-traflow between junctions 15 thorpe service areas north and south-bound closed. A49: Single-lane traffic and signals at Onibury, Wales and West: A368: Traffic

Wales and West A368: Trathe restrictions on West Harptree - Churchill, Burrington Combe Road, Avon. A377: Temporary traffic signals controlling single-lane traffic at Colleton Mills on Chumleigh to Bernstaple road, Devon. A5: Traffic restrictions on Bethesda - Betswd-Coed Road at Nant Pfrancon Pass,

Gwyneld.

North: A628: Single-line traffic with lights at Thuristone River Bridge, west of Penistone. A6110: Roadworks alongside existing carriageway on Leeds Southern Ring Road: delays. A187: Sweet recom-Road: delays. A182: Sewer reconstruction at A690 junction Hetton Road, Houghton, Tyne and Wear. Scotland: A737: Lane closure in Main Road, Elderslie, delays likely Main Road, Educatic, delays intely at peak periods. Al: Single-kne traffic with lights between Dumber and Cockburnspath. A7: Road widening south of Gorebridge, two sets of single-lane traffic controlled by lights. by lights. Information supplied by AA.

Falklands cards

A week today, November 25, is the latest recommended posting date for Christmas cards and parcels by surface mail to Europe and the Falklands and Ascension Island, as vell as BFPOs 630 and 666 and BFPO ships in The South Atlantic.

The papers

On the day the Chancellor raises the National Insurance charges yet again, there is proof – if proof were needed – of the real scandal in the Health Service, the Daily Star says. It quotes an "astonishing report" to Parliament revealing how the bureaucrats have made a faire and a forces of the alleged spending cuts. arrago of the alleged spending cuts.
"While doctors scrimp and save for equipment and staff, and waiting ists lengthen, the men in shiny suit have been dipping their bread in the gravy - to the tune of £45m", the paper says. "That's how much has been paid out in golden handshakes to top bureaucrats scrambling to cash in on an early retirement scheme designed to save jobs. And the result? Instead of saving 2,500 senior jobs, the Health Service is now saddled with 600 more feather-bedded recorded in." bedded mandarins."

Top films

Educating Rita.

Top box office films in London: 1 (1) The Jungle Book/Mickey mas Carol. 2 (5) Class. 3 (2) La Travista. 4 (4) Zelig. 5 (7) Octopussy.

Top five in the provinces: 1-Bigs Thunder. 2 Porky's 2 the next dev

Weather forecast Isles will move slowly south and

steadily decline 6am to midnight

London, central S, central N
England, E, W Midlands: Mainly dry,
arry log petches soon dispersing, sunny
intervals developing, wind variable light,
max temp 8C (46F).

SE, NE England, East Anglia,
Bordere Methy cloudy, a little rain on
coasts, becoming brighter inland, some
sunny intervals, wind methy N. light,
max temp 8C (46F).

Chennel Islands: Mainly cloudy, a
little rain at times, some sunny intervals,
wind NE, light or moderate, max temp
11C (52F).

SW, NW England, S, N Weiss, Lake
District, late of Man: Mostly cloudy,
some drizzie on coasts and hills, bright
intervals intend, wind N, light, max temp
8 to 10C (48F to 50F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow Fog
patches dispessing, mainly dry,
sunny
intervals developing, wind variable, light,
max temp 9C (48F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Mostly
cloudy, outbreaks of drizzle, becoming
drier, sunny intervals, later, wind NW,
light, max temp 9C (48F).

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Outlook for texteneours and Sandey: Quitook for sommorow and Sunday: Dry at first, but rain spreading S.

SEA PASSAGES: 8 North See, Straits of Oover, English Chermel (E): Wind NE moderate or fresh, mainly fair; see stight or troderate, St Georges Channel, Irish See: Wind NE moderate; see slight.

Sun rises: 7.23am Moon sets: 4.33em ovember 20

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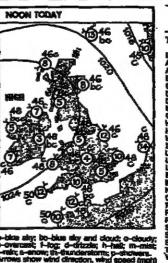
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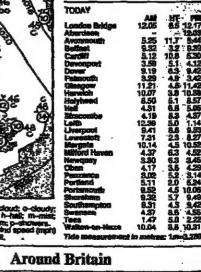
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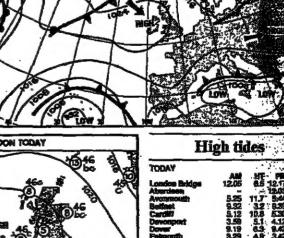






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